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Home Counties Area.

The Plume of the Prince of Wales. In each of the four corners the late Duke of Cambridge's Cypher and Coronet.

"Mysore," "Seringapatam," "Alubera," "Ciudad Rodrigo," "Badajoz," "Vittoria," "Pyrenees," "Nivelle," "Nive," "Peninsula," "Alma," "Inkerman," "Sevastopol," "New Zealand," "South Africa, 1879," "Relief of Ladysmith," "South Africa, 1900-02," "Mons," "Mame, 1914," "Ypres, 1915," "17, '18," "Albert, 1916, '18," "Bazentin," "Cambrai, 1917, '18," "Hindenburg Line," "Suvla," "Jerusalem," "Mesopotamia, 1917-18."

"Le Cateau," "Retreat from Mons," "Aisne, 1914, '18," "La Bassée, 1914," "Messines, 1914, '17, '18," "Armentières, 1914," "Neuve Chapelle," "Gravenstafel," "St. Julien," "Frezenberg," "Bellewaarde," "Aubers," "Hooge, 1915," "Loos," "Somme, 1916, '18," "Delville Wood," "Pozières," "Guinchy," "Fiers-Courcellette," "Morval," "Thiepval," "Le Transloy," "Ancre Heights," "Ancre, 1916, '18," "Bapaume, 1917, '18," "Arras, 1917, '18," "Vimy, 1917," "Scarpe, 1917, '18," "Arleux," "Pikem," "Langemark, 1917," "Menin Road," "Polygon Wood," "Broodseinde," "Poelcappelle," "Passchendaele," "St. Quentin," "Rosieres," "Avre," "Villers Bretonneux," "Lys," "Estaires," "Hazebrück," "Bailleul," "Kemmel," "Scherpenberg," "Canal du Nord," "St. Quentin Canal," "Courtrai," "Selle," "Valenciennes," "Sambré," "France and Flanders, 1914-18," "Italy, 1917-18," "Struma," "Dolran, 1918," "Macedonia, 1915-18," "Landing at Suvla," "Scimitar Hill," "Gallipoli, 1915," "Rumani," "Egypt, 1915-17," "Gaza," "El Mughar," "Jericho," "Jordan," "Tell 'Asur," "Palestine, 1917-18," "Murman, 1919," "Dukhovskaya," "Siberia, 1918-19."

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Colonel:

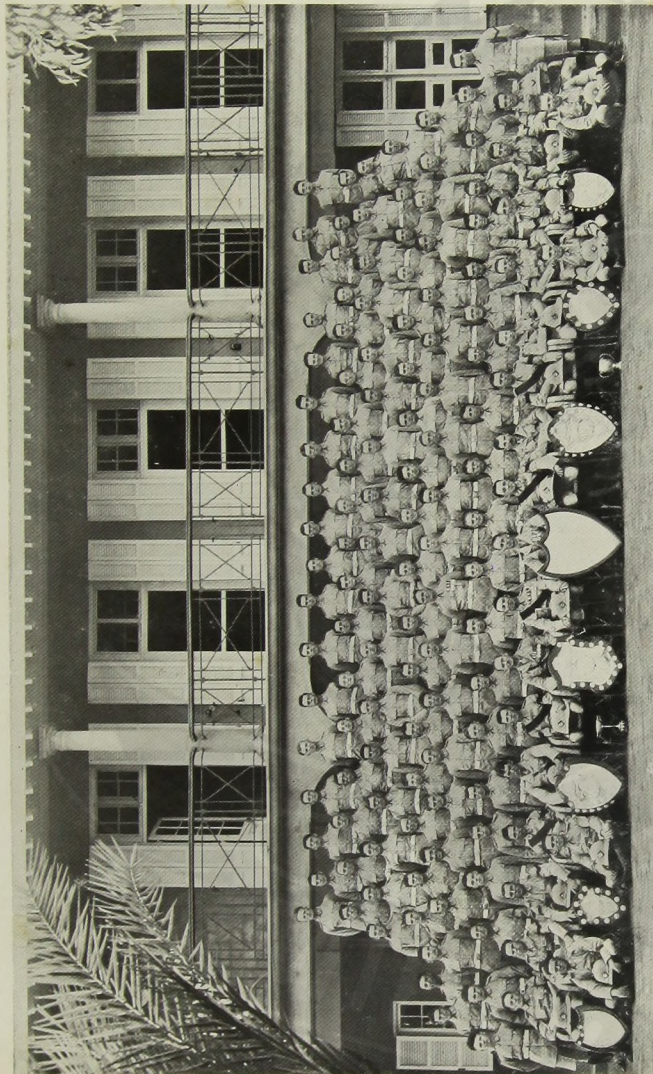
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Major T. S. Wollocombe, M.C.

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Winners, Alubera Shield, 1933-34.

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THE current number is the first of a new volume, and, whilst fully appreciating the assistance of Sub-Editors and contributors in the past, we take this opportunity of expressing the wish that more articles of general interest may be forthcoming in the future.

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We tender our heartiest congratulations to Col. M. Browne, M.C., on his promotion to Brevet Colonel, and also to Capt. and Bt. Major G. H. C. Pennycook, M.B.E., on his Brevet Majority.

As announced in our last issue, this year's Old Comrades' Dinner will take place at the Headquarters of the 1st City of London Regiment, Handel Street, Bloomsbury, W.C., on Saturday, 3rd November, at 7.30 p.m. The Dinner will be preceded by the Annual General Meeting of the Regimental Association at 7 p.m.

It is hoped that, as the price of the ticket has been reduced to 3s., there will be a large gathering of Old Comrades of all ranks.

Individual notices will be sent, as in past years, to all Pensioners and Army Reservists, also to other Old Comrades whose present addresses are known. Recipients of these notices are urged to make this function known to others.

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Col. Charles Percival Lynden-Bell, who commanded the 5th (Militia) Bn. The Middlesex Regiment from 1903 to 1907, died on 1st May, 1934. He was formerly in the East Surrey Regiment, and served with its 2nd Battalion in the 1885 Suakin Campaign, for which he was awarded the Egyptian Medal with clasp and the Khedive's Medal. He commenced his studies of foreign languages when a subaltern at the Depot, and eventually qualified as an interpreter in French, German, Russian and Italian. Col. Lynden-Bell spent many periods of leave in Germany, and had been greatly impressed by the fact that many Germans with whom he conversed looked upon war as a certainty, and when that country began feverishly to build an unnecessarily large Navy, he thought that people in England should be made aware of the danger. He therefore gave lectures on the subject and wrote three pamphlets: "An Empire's Betrayal," "Our Policy of Drift," and "How Germany Makes War," which had a circulation of over 70,000 and were approved by Lord Roberts.

On the outbreak of the Great War he was Commanding the 1st Bn. Guernsey Light Infantry, but later served in Russia, France and Italy. His last public service was with the British Embassy in Berlin for certain duties in connection with the Treaty of Versailles. For his services in the Great War, Col. Lynden-Bell was

twice mentioned in despatches and was awarded the British and Victory War Medals, the French Legion of Honour (Chevalier), the Order of Vladimir (Russia), and the Italian Orders of the Crown of Italy (Commander) and of St. Maurice and Lazarus. He was buried at Tadley Church on 4th May.

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We invite attention to an interesting letter, which appears in our correspondence columns, from Mr. R. Maurice Hill, whose interest in Army historical research is widely known.

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Regimental Diaries for 1935 will be produced by the Army Sport Control Board. These will contain:—

1. Matters of Regimental interest.
2. The principal Services and civilian sporting fixtures during the year under their respective dates.
3. General useful information.

The prices will be as follows:—

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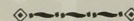
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All Diaries are complete with Regimental crest, pencil and Regimental ribbon marker.

It is particularly requested that orders from units and individual subscribers may reach this office not later than 10th September. This comparatively early date is necessary in order that the Diaries may be printed, bound and dispatched in time to reach subscribers abroad before the end of the year.



REGIMENTAL FIXTURES.

September 8th and 9th.—Officers' Club Tennis Tournament at the Depot.

November 3rd.—Old Comrades' Annual Dinner, Headquarters, 1st City of London Regiment, Handel Street, Bloomsbury, W.C., 7.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. each.

November 11th.—Armistice Day Service at the Regimental War Memorial.

OFFICERS' CLUB NOTES.

WEATHER forecast for most weeks this year: "Fine with no prospect of rain."

Weather forecast for Cricket Week: "Rain, more rain, and still more rain."

Owing to the weather, only three matches were completed out of six arranged. This was especially unfortunate, as we were able to produce a very good side under the able captaincy of Capt. C. T. Whinney, M.C.

The outstanding match of the week was against Hampstead, who gave us such a good game last year. Excitement ran to fever-heat during the last over of the match. With three balls to go and three wickets in hand, we required three runs to win. Off the first ball we scored two, the second one took Weston's wicket, and off the last one Major Wollocombe scored a single, thereby winning the match.

We are very indebted to C.S.M. Anderson and to Sergt. Benwell for their valuable services as umpire and scorer respectively.

The "At Home" was held on the Wednesday, when we had more rain than on any other day during the week. In spite of this, the attendance was about 170. Only three overs were bowled after lunch, and we all crowded into the marquee for "talk and tea."

One hundred and twenty-one members attended the Annual Dinner, which was held at the Junior United Service Club. Brig.-Gen. R. M. Heath was in the chair, and Col. G. H. Harrison, D.S.O., Commanding 132nd Infantry Brigade, was the guest of the evening.

Col. Harrison, in reply to the toast, referred to his association with the Regiment, and paid a striking tribute to our Territorial Battalions.

The Dinner was of its usual high standard, and our thanks are due to Col. W. H. Samuel and his Committee for their hard work which produced this result.

The Tennis Tournament will be held at the Depot on Saturday and Sunday, 8th and 9th September.

Cricket results during the Cricket Week were as follows:—

HAMPSTEAD H. v. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB.

Played at Mill Hill on 24th June.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

G. Capel c Gow b Berliner	24
J. Clowes st Murdoch b Atkinson	16
R. C. Franklin c Scoones b Saunders	21
J. W. A. Stephenson c Gow b Mead	43
E. J. Unwin c Scoones b Saunders	47
E. V. H. Hudson c Murdoch b Saunders	10
C. T. Whinney c Hoskins b Mead	11
R. W. D. Sword c Berliner b Mead	14
A. E. Green not out	10
G. P. Weston c Bennett b Mead	0
C. Kennett c Gow b Mead	2
Extras	18

Total ... 216

Bowling.—Berliner, 1 for 22; Atkinson, 1 for 51; Saunders, 3 for 37; Hay, 0 for 15; Bennett, 0 for 19; Gilbert, 0 for 22; Mead, 5 for 32.

HAMPSTEAD H.

S. M. Gow c Capel b Hudson	8
A. Bennett c Green b Hudson	4
J. H. G. Gilbert c Capel b Hudson	1
P. B. Berliner c Clowes b Hudson	0
N. S. Atkinson c Weston b Stephenson	11
G. M. Hay c Weston b Stephenson	8
R. A. Scoones not out	4
A. G. Saunders lbw b Stephenson	0
G. P. Mead c Stephenson b Hudson	25
G. J. Murdoch b Hudson	3
A. O. Hoskins b Kennett	1
Extras	20

Total ... 85

Bowling.—Stephenson, 3 for 34; Hudson, 6 for 26; Kennett, 1 for 5.

CRYPTICS v. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB.

Played at Mill Hill on 25th June.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

J. Clowes c Taylor b Mackie	20
J. Worton c Sharman b Taylor	32
R. C. Franklin run out	30
J. W. A. Stephenson c Raikes b Banbridge	52
E. J. Unwin c Davidson b Taylor	10
E. V. H. Hudson not out	53
A. E. Green st Sharman b Taylor	1
G. P. Weston b Taylor	0
Extras	16

Total (for 7 wickets dec.) ... 234

C. T. Whinney, C. Kennett and R. Wilson did not bat.

Bowling.—Taylor, 4 for 47; Glanfield, 0 for 47; Davidson, 0 for 4; Mackie, 1 for 53; Loader, 0 for 16; Carroll, 0 for 22; Banbridge, 1 for 29.

CRYPTICS.

G. Hollibone not out	6
G. Banfield c Weston b Hudson	0
T. Racker b Stephenson	0
Extras	2

Total (for 2 wickets) ... 8

Rain stopped play.

THE WOLLOGINS v. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB.

Played at Mill Hill on 25th June.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

J. Clowes c Allen b Stevens	7
J. Worton c Speakes b Kennett	0
R. C. Franklin run out	3
J. W. Stephenson b Speakes	18
E. J. Unwin c Kennett b Stevens	25
E. V. Hudson c Allen b Kennett	22
A. E. Green lbw b Stevens	10
C. T. Whinney c Procter b Stevens	0
G. P. Weston not out	25
R. W. D. Sword b Stevens	2
R. Wilson c and b Stevens	2
Extras	28

Total ... 151

Bowling.—Stevens, 6 for 64; Kennett, 2 for 38; Speakes, 1 for 18; Allen, 0 for 3.

THE WOLLOGINS.

T. Capel c Clowes b Unwin	11
N. Procter b Stephenson	0
Beckett b Stephenson	34
Franklin b Hudson	0
C. Kennett b Stephenson	0
I. C. McI. Stevens b Unwin	1
C. M. Beath st Wilson b Weston	23
T. S. Wollcombe c and b Stephenson	4
Speakes c Hudson b Stephenson	5
Allen run out	7
Blackman not out	3
Extras	16

Total ... 105

Bowling.—Stephenson, 5 for 31; Hudson, 1 for 27; Unwin, 2 for 11; Green, 0 for 14; Weston, 1 for 6.

FREE FORESTERS v. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB.

Played at Mill Hill on 27th June.

FREE FORESTERS.

L. C. Isherwood b Hudson	6
J. B. Wheatley c Kennett b Unwin	35
J. A. Minn b Stephenson	2
Hon. C. Lyttelton b Kennett	13
C. Berwick b Stephenson	4
L. Misa b Stephenson	5
J. N. Cowley c Hudson b Unwin	9
F. E. Hugonin not out	10
J. T. Neve c and b Unwin	5
Extras	6

Total (for 8 wickets) ... 95

A. G. Saunders and M. E. Impey did not bat. Rain stopped play.

HAMPSTEAD C.C. v. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT OFFICERS' CLUB.

Played at Mill Hill on 30th June.

HAMPSTEAD.

H. C. Preston b Unwin	16
H. Brooke b Unwin	22
R. D. Tyler c Whinney b Kennett	0
L. S. Atkinson c Weston b Unwin	55
P. B. Berliner b Stephenson	0
K. C. Raikes b Stephenson	30
I. H. G. Gilbert b Kennett	19
H. C. Allen b Stephenson	0

REGIMENTAL HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

THE following additions have been made to the Museum during the quarter ended June, 1934:—

Framed Recruiting Poster, The Middlesex Regiment, 1900; and Colour-Sergeant's Full-dress Badge and Chevrons (framed). Both presented by Capt. George Johnson (late 3rd Battalion).

Framed engraving of General Picton (purchased).

History of the 53rd (Welsh) Division (T.F.), presented by Capt. N. B. McIvor, M.C. (late 2nd/10th Battalion).

Photograph, Colour Party, 2nd Battalion, Ahmednagar, on the last occasion on which the 77th Regiment's Colours, presented in 1876, were carried on parade. Presented by Capt. E. M. G. Wray, D.S.O.

Powder-flask, presented by Capt. H. F. S. King, R.A.O.C.

Old pistol (with powder receptacle and knives), from Mr. W. J. Pitchford (late 2nd Battalion).

All copies of THE DIE-HARDS published since the war, from the first issue in August, 1922, up to and including the last number, have now been suitably bound, and, through the kindness of Col. Bridgman we have been enabled to have twelve volumes of the *Journal of the Army Historical Research Society* bound. These include all copies of the *Journal* from No. 1 in September, 1921, to the present, and this very much improves the appearance of the books in the Museum.

On the day of the Officers' Club "At Home" we did not succeed in attracting many visitors to the Museum. This was chiefly due to the weather, and it is hoped that conditions will be more suitable next year. Among the visitors we were very pleased to see Col. Savile, and it is hoped that he will offer some useful suggestions as a result of his visit. On the day of the Old Comrades' Gathering the Museum was crowded for the greater part of the afternoon and evening; one hundred and eighty persons entered their names in the Visitors' Book, and there must have been many more who came in but did not record their names. The cases of medals and certain of the most interesting pieces

S. D. Marjoribanks b Kennett	7
R. E. Moss b Unwin	5
L. Morris not out	4
Extras	13

Total ... 180

Bowling.—Stephenson, 3 for 49; Kennett, 3 for 30; Unwin, 4 for 32; Weston, 0 for 33; Green, 0 for 14.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

C. T. Whinney b Berliner	12
J. Worton lbw b Raikes	8
R. C. Franklin c Raikes b Atkinson	3
J. W. Stephenson c Raikes b Berliner	76
E. J. Unwin c Berliner b Atkinson	21
T. Capel lbw b Raikes	9
A. E. Green b Berliner	19
G. P. Weston c Raikes b Berliner	22
T. S. Wollcombe not out	1
N. P. Procter not out	0
Extras	10

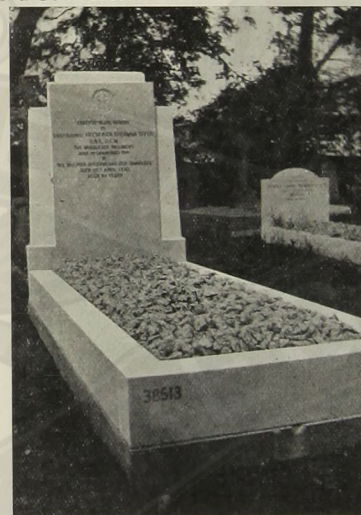
Total (for 8 wickets) ... 181

C. Kennett did not bat.

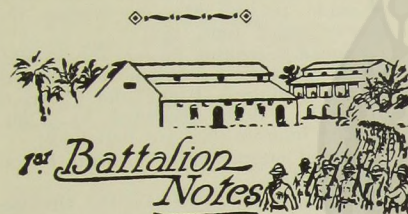
Bowling.—Raikes, 2 for 43; Berliner, 4 for 28; Marjoribanks, 0 for 16; Atkinson, 2 for 44; Gilbert, 0 for 40.

THE LATE LIEUT.-COL. F. S. STEED.

Below we reproduce a photograph of the headstone recently erected in Hendon Park Cemetery to the memory of the late Lieut.-Col. Steed. The cost was defrayed by subscriptions from Officers and Old Comrades.



of silver, which are normally kept in the Officers' Mess, were taken down to the Museum during the Cricket Week and added considerably to the appearance of the collection.



COMMAND manoeuvres this year entailed the use of a mobile force, which included monopolizing a part of the Egyptian railways. A large area between Cairo and Alexandria was covered by the opposing forces. Only two rifle companies represented the Battalion owing to the impending move to Moascar. Both companies were mechanized, one in Army lorries and the other in civilian lorries. We certainly discovered that the Army vehicles were far superior to the civilian ones, as the latter broke down in the desert during the first night, and their occupants took no further part in the operations.

On Friday, 9th March, we moved from the Citadel. Contrary to expectations, the move was not marred by rain. It is doubtful whether this move left any tinge of regret among the Battalion. Shortly after our arrival we were heartily welcomed by our new Brigadier, Sir F. Pile, D.S.O., M.C. We then settled down to Individual Training once again, this time under a new centralized system.

The past two months have been occupied with firing our Annual Weapon Training Course. As the range is near, early morning firing is possible and the results obtained are a considerable improvement on those of last year.

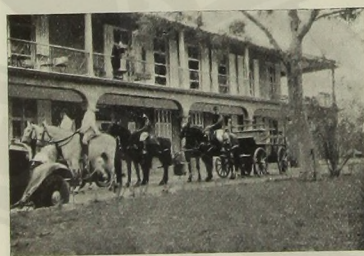
Previous to our departure from Cairo, Capt. Parker was seconded as A.P.M. in Cairo with the rank of Major. Major Jefferd, Major Sloane-Stanley, Capt. Lyons, and Lieuts. Powell, Chattey, Hall and Sword have proceeded on leave to the United Kingdom. Lieut. Sword is attending the Twelfth Platoon Commanders' Machine Gun Course at Netheravon.

We welcome on their return to the Battalion Capt. Dobbs and Hedgecoe, and Lieut. Marsh. We congratulate Capt. Dobbs on obtaining a "D" on the first Mortar Course held at Netheravon, and Lieut. Marsh on passing the Cadre Course at Hythe. Lieuts. Herapath and Sword attended the recent promotion examination held at Cairo.

The facilities for sport in Moascar are a great improvement on those at the Citadel, and it is hoped that the Battalion will reap the benefit. Shortly after our arrival at Moascar a Small Units' Hockey Competition was held, and A Company are to be congratulated on being good finalists against Y Squadron, R.A.F., Abu Sueir, who eventually won the game 2-0. Ptes. Evans and Francis boxed at the Cairo City Police tournament at Cairo on 24th April. Francis had a good win on points, but Evans suffered his first defeat since coming abroad at the hands of Constable Goodwin. We hope this result will be reversed the next time they meet.

Albuhera Day was celebrated on 16th May, a novel event being the Mounted Sports, which were held in the morning and were a great success. In the afternoon the Battalion Sports were completed and we congratulate D Company on winning the Athletic Shield after a close fight with C and H.Q. C Company, under Major Savile, are to be congratulated on a most successful year. Among others, they have won the Albuhera and Mons Shields.

The Battalion provided a guard of honour at Navy House, Port Said, on the occasion of the arrival of the new G.O.C.,



OFFICERS' MESS COACH.
Moascar Races, May, 1934.

British Troops in Egypt, Lieut.-General Sir G. A. Weir, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. Capt. Rackham was in command of the guard, and Lieut. Gwyn carried the Colour. After a very early start, the ceremony was completed by 8 a.m. just before a storm broke over the town.

May 21st started Canal Brigade Week, and some form of entertainment was provided every day. There was polo, a horse show, a sailing regatta, and horse racing. Battalion representatives were successful in all these events.

The proximity of Lake Timsah to Moascar has caused all the officers of the 1st Battalion to become web-footed and horny-handed. A new language has crept in and "overlaps" are now discussed with the same zeal as were overdrifts. A movement is on foot to rename ourselves "The Middlesex Marines." Major Savile, as the leader of this movement, has endeavoured to empty or divert the course of the Suez Canal by cutting a new canal.

Mr. Beadnell won the Moascar Regatta Open Race with his boat *Sheila*. Capt. Phillips, del Court and Rackham are acquiring yachts in a praiseworthy attempt to help the promotion of junior officers.

The bachelor officers gave a sailing picnic and treasure hunt to their friends in the Garrison. This resolved itself into a rowing race one way, but after a belated tea the party returned on a good breeze by the light of a full moon.

A (S.) COMPANY.

Having been at last released from prison (that's what it felt like at the Citadel), we write these notes from our new place of abode, and are unanimous in voting the change a vast improvement. First impressions we are told are lasting. In that case we are going to enjoy our sojourn at "The Camp." Fishing has become a favourite hobby, and as for fishy tales—well, "You should have seen that one that just got away" seems to be a stock phrase. Boating and swimming have also got a multitude of disciples, while gardening has passed from the hobby stage and become a mania. Even our C.S.M. nearly goes into hysterics over a rose-bush which has appeared mysteriously in his garden.

Training is going on steadily during business hours, and the new gunners, range-takers, etc., are all finding plenty to do in preparation for the Annual Course and its subsequent troubles. Education is also receiving considerable attention, and we have great hopes of adding to the number of 1st Class Certificates in the near future. A tactical course has just been completed on which a number of our older members performed and on which they discovered, much to their surprise, that it is possible for a rifle company to do without the support of the Support Company. This course has been unofficially designated "The Old Soldiers' Course."

We welcome to our Company the turn-over from the various companies, and hope that they will find every happiness with us. There is no doubt they will, even though "the way may be hard and the gun heavy." Our best wishes go with all our turn-over to other companies and with Pte. Marshall and family who have gone to England. May they all have luck in their respective spheres. Our good wishes also to L./Cpls. Hoskins and Broughton, who have gone to Netheravon. May they find Lavington Folly and a D.

Indoor sports seem to be coming into fashion again. We mean ping-pong, billiards, etc., not the old Wednesday game called de-bugging. The Company put in a billiards team which reached the final, where they were beaten by C Company.

The hockey situation at present is as follows. In the Company League, through a win over B Company, of 3 goals to nil, we were placed third. In the Platoon Knock-out we had three platoons in the semi-finals. No. 4 Platoon reached the final against No. 9 Platoon, C Company, whom we beat by 3 goals to 2, and thereby gained the Inter-Platoon Hockey Cup.

In the Garrison Small Units' Knock-out we reached the final, but were beaten by Y Squadron, No. 4 F.T.S., R.A.F., by 2 goals to nil. We consider this a very satisfactory season, and are pleased to see that, although the season is over, the hockey ground is still very popular. Men of our Company can be seen playing on it practically every evening.

Cricket has just started, and to date we

have only played one match, against the Staff and Departments. This we won by 40 runs. There should be a lot more to say about this game in the next issue.

We were able to supply a fair number of the Company in the Battalion team for the Command Sports held at Cairo. In the Battalion Sports held on Albuhera Day, although we were placed fourth, we found the basis of some very sound teams which, with more training, will undoubtedly give a totally different colour to the picture next year.

Our regards to our sister company at Colchester. We wonder if "Repaint or repent" can still be seen from the lowest position?

B COMPANY.

We have settled down in Moascar. The life is very different from Cairo. Moascar has its disadvantages, but they are far outnumbered by its advantages. All are agreed that it is a much better station than the Citadel.

We welcome back to the Company Capt. B. B. Rackham, M.C., who has taken control of the sporting side of the Company. We also welcome Lieut. D. Y. Cubitt and his bride. We wish them the best of luck in their married life.

Our C.S.M. is becoming quite a stranger these days, as he is busy teaching W.T. and tactics. His spare time is devoted to the spade and the fishing-rod. Rumour hath it that he spent a night on the Suez and never disturbed the fish.

Moascar may rightly be called "The Cycling Station," for a common sight at the week-end is a party cycling away plus, of course, the fishing-rod, and coming back minus the fish.

Indoor sports have become very popular, especially ping-pong. An Inter-Company Ping-Pong Competition resulted in a comfortable victory for us.

We celebrated the King's birthday by firing a *feu de joie* on 4th June, and the parade went exceedingly well. During the second week of June we received visits from a succession of celebrities: first the Brigadier, then the new G.O.C., followed by H.E. the High Commissioner, Sir Miles Lampson, whom we knew in China, and finally the G.S.O.1, B.T.E.

There has not been much going on in the sporting line this quarter, at least not much we want to talk about. Congratulations to Ptes. Dean and Martin on their win in the High Jump, and to C Company on clearing the decks of almost all the shields and trophies for 1933-34.

C COMPANY.

The merry month of March was a busy time for all. Hardly were Command manoeuvres behind us than it was time to pack up for Moascar, where we arrived on 10th March and started the business of settling in. The majority of us appear to be taking quite kindly to our new surroundings, and with Lake Timsah in which to boat, bathe and fish nearly the whole Company has gone web-footed.

Early in May we held our Company Inter-Platoon Sports, and, although no world's records were broken, we had some keen competition. No. 9 Platoon were victorious, followed by Nos. 12 and 11. Our energies were next centred on the Inter-Company Sports, and by hard training and good team work we finished second to Don Company. This was the last event in the Albuhera Shield year, and it left us the winners from D Company by the narrow margin of one point.

This has been a memorable year in the sporting annals of the Company, not only for the record of trophies that we have acquired, but also for the fierce struggle we have had with Don in order to gain each one. Every time, however, either a little extra luck or "that little extra something others lack" has enabled us to get home by a neck. As well as the Albuhera Shield itself the Company have won the following shields for inter-company competitions: Boxing, Hockey, Football, and Cross-Country, and tied with D Company for the Cricket Shield. Perhaps the most notable effort of the year was the winning of the Tug-of-War Cup from A Company with whom it had been so long that it was almost rusted in.

In our military pursuits we also lead the field. We were the best shooting company, we won the Company Shooting Shield, and had the Battalion Shot in Pte. 64 Brown, and the best shot of the W.Os. and Sergeants in Sergt. Paterson; while No. 9 Platoon were the best shooting platoon.



[Photo: S. Sarkis, Cairo.]

C COMPANY.

Winners of the Inter-Company Football Competition, 1933-34.



[Photo: S. Sarkis, Cairo.]

C COMPANY.

Winners of the Inter-Company Tug-of-War, 1934.

The Mons Shield was this year allotted for competition between companies on a platoon basis. This shield was also carried off. The following platoons were largely responsible for this success: No. 9 Platoon, winners of the Cricket and Football Competitions, and runners-up in the Hockey; No. 12 Platoon, winners of the Passball. No. 9 Platoon are also to be most heartily congratulated on winning the Company Platoon Efficiency Shield by a very comfortable margin. Their keenness and energy both in work and play during the past twelve months carried all before them.

A Company Dinner was held a few days after Albuhera Day to celebrate the end of a record year. The efforts of the C.Q.M.S. and his staff were much appreciated by the whole Company, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all. We take this opportunity of thanking the officers for their attendance.

We congratulate Pte. Toon on his "mention" in Egyptian Command Orders for his conspicuous act of gallantry in stopping a pair of runaway mules at the risk of his own life, and probably saving the lives of several children. We also congratulate C.S.M. Goodall and Pte. Buchan on receiving the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

Lieut. Sword, L./Sergt. Smith and Cpl. Blackman have left us for Machine Gun and Musketry Courses in England. May they return with a trio of "Ds."

In conclusion, we wish all old members of the Company in England the best of luck, and would especially like to thank Capt. Mirams for his congratulatory cable and good wishes for 1934.

D COMPANY.

Except for Brigade Training and Command Manœuvres, our last notes very nearly saw the end of our stay in Cairo. On Command Manœuvres D Company was turned into a temporary mechanized force in civilian lorries, with the result that Nos. 13 and 14 Platoons were left stranded in the desert about twelve miles from Mena for three days, and the column as a whole merely proved a hindrance to the arrival of various essentials, such as wireless, to the Brigade Headquarters at Kataba. However, as it meant we were

given less work to do, no complaints were lodged, and Nos. 13 and 14 Platoons were certainly quite happy to be left in peace.

We left Cairo on 9th March and have had a very enjoyable three months here. It is a great change to have most of the grounds that are needed almost at one's door and to be free from the effects of prison walls.

From the time we arrived until 16th May, athletic training has been the order of the day. We have had a very successful Company Meeting, which was won by No. 15 Platoon, with No. 13 Platoon runners-up—a very closely contested struggle all through. No. 13 Platoon are also to be congratulated on winning the Platoon Efficiency Shield.

In the Battalion Athletic Meeting we were triumphant in spite of the fact that two of our star runners, Ptes. Langdale and McNamara, were crocked just before the meeting. The team was so obviously sound all through that it is difficult to single out individuals. The sprint teams (L./Cpls. Parker and Tatt and Ptes. Spitty and Urquhart) are to be congratulated on putting up such a fine show without Pte. McNamara, while the Three Miles and Mile teams (L./Cpl. Shaw, and Ptes. Smith, Lane, Tarrant and 600 Dunn) put up a very fine performance in winning both these events from C Company. Pte. Evans is also to be congratulated on his sterling work in the field events and the 440 Yards.

We were without the service of Lieut. Chattey in the athletics this year, as he is at present on leave in the United Kingdom. Lieut. Marsh has returned to the fold after a long leave of absence and a course at Hythe.

Unfortunately C Company obtained second place in the Battalion Athletic Meeting, so we were just prevented from obtaining a share in the Albuhera Shield. However, it has been a ding-dong struggle all through, and we give C Company our hearty congratulations, hoping they will have the pleasure of returning this favour next year.

We also congratulate Ptes. McNamara, Smith, Lane, Evans, Bond, Langdale and Thompson, and L./Cpls. Parker and Jolley on representing the Battalion at the Command Sports in Cairo.

In the Small Units' Hockey, D Company were drawn against A (S.) Company

in the first round and were defeated 3—1. We were very glad to see A Company reach the final of this competition, although we would have been still more so to have seen them win.

We welcome Cpls. Hopwood and Ives, and L./Cpl. Parker to the Company. The two last-named have already assisted us very greatly in the field of sport, while Cpl. Hopwood is sure to be invaluable in the future in swimming, rugger, and athletics.

Platoon cricket is due to start in July and Company cricket in August, and we hope to make no mistake this year, and win them both outright. We have played one match so far this year, against the R.A.M.C., and this we won fairly comfortably.

BAND.

At our recent Company Sports we came second to the Signal Section, who simply walked away with the points. Look out next year, Signals! We must congratulate L./Cpl. Ward and Bdsn. Ryder on their very gallant efforts to pull things round, and "Lulu" on his very fine running in the Half-Mile and Three Miles. L./Cpl. Ward, and Bdsn. Ryder, Hymas, Goddard and Clubb represented H.Q. Wing in the Battalion Sports, and did exceedingly well. The Wing were placed third, after a close fight with C and D Companies.

Albuhera Day went off very well. Our friends the Drums started the day in the usual manner. Since then we have been busy playing at the Officers' Mess, Officers' Club, Regatta Races, and the Sports of our old friends the Royal Scots Fusiliers. At the last-mentioned function "Dish" managed to pull off the Band Race and won a watch. How he managed it and beat the usual hot favourite we do not know.

Except for one or two things we are very quiet now. Fishing and swimming and even yachting are passing the time away very pleasantly.

We have heard from our old friend Tom Cladd, who is doing a useful job of work some 3,000 miles away, and who is soon to become an "old married man." Go to it, brother; you have our sincere wishes for a long and happy life.

To our friends of the 2nd Battalion we can only say that, although we have no male-voice choir, and do not arrange our own dance tunes, we can fish and play Mah Jong, and if you do not believe it ask L./Cpl. Stickley.

JIM.

DRUMS.

Cairo being just a myth now, we will talk about Ismailia. First, we are not to escape the desert as we fondly expected, but find that we are surrounded by it; but Moascar has its advantages by being open, which is a welcome change from the Citadel. We are all well situated for amusements here, as we have boating, swimming and fishing in Lake Timsah and the Suez Canal, whilst cycling is very much to the fore, and whist drives while away the week-ends.

We welcome Drum-Major Drew back to the fold after his vacation in "Blighty," but lose him again for a short time, as he is booked to go to Cairo for a course of camel riding. (Will this lead to a mounted corps?)

Soon after our arrival here we played the Platoon Hockey Knock-out, but were unfortunate to lose in the second round. In the first game we defeated No. 1 Platoon 3—1 after extra time. Purse and Morley scored for us, and Pullin and Towny played a good defensive game. The second game was against No. 10 Platoon, and after holding them to a draw until a minute from the final whistle, a slight misunderstanding between Pullin and Bolt gave them the game by one goal. Here again the defence put up a very good show. Benny Bolt shone in goal, whilst the rest of the team played well, but could not find the net. Still, we may have our revenge in the Cricket Knock-out, under the guidance of Dmr. Purse.

Our entries for the Wing Sports were not as we hoped for, consequently we only obtained third place. "Fishy" gave a good exhibition of pole-vaulting, and we hope to see him in the Battalion team in the near future. Dmr. Morley did well with the javelin, but failed to throw the hammer the same distance. He and L./Cpl. Butt came second in the Discus, and we must congratulate Elms on winning the One and Three Mile Races, also Holdford on trying his best.

Dmr. Elms has left us for B Company. We lose a good runner and wish him the best of luck in his new company. We must congratulate Dmrs. Elms and Morley and L./Cpl. Webber on helping H.Q. Wing to obtain third place in the Battalion Sports on Albuhera Day. We were entertained with good weather and good Sports, which resulted in a close finish between C, D and H.Q.

At the present moment we are busy retaining our proficiency pay, and crossed guns are greatly in demand.

The Drums' latest craze is golf. Having made ourselves a miniature course where one is easily bunkered, we have ample opportunities of indulging in the gentlemanly pastime, but naturally our vocabulary is tested to the full.

Handsome men are slightly sun-burnt. Having obtained the necessary hue, certain Drummers are now endeavouring, with the aid of Bolt and his springs, to produce a splendid physique, judging by the grunts and groans and creaking bones. This is a painful undertaking.

SIGNALS.

In athletics we have done well. First in the Battalion Individual Meeting, where Cpl. Hopwood, L./Cpl. Gadsden, and Ptes. Woods, Bristow, Passfield and Green were selected to represent the Battalion. Next the Group Meeting of H.Q. Wing, where we were again very successful in obtaining more points than the remainder of the Company together. The results will be mentioned elsewhere no doubt, but the shield will remain with us as it has done for the previous three years. In the Battalion Meeting, Pte. Johnson was a find. He should turn out to be a useful athlete in the near future. In the Hockey Knock-out we went out to the ultimate winners, but there was little difference between the two teams.

One was very sorry to see Pte. Wildin do so much work on the track after Stoker Bristow had done so much for him at "Allenby's" and "Kate Karney's." H. M. Abrahams is the one and only for training tips in the future.

In boxing, Wildin's win over L./Cpl. Briggs is a feat worth mentioning. They have met several times and have shared honours on most occasions, but this time Wildin won most decisively.

Congratulations to Cpl. Hopwood on his promotion to full rank. We shall miss him in the sports line, but he is still in the Battalion, so why worry?

In conclusion we welcome the return of Cpl. Bayford and Pte. Rose. We are glad that "Vamper" got over his operation successfully.

The new Signal Class is progressing favourably and amongst them we hope to find some new sporting talent.

Up to the present, twenty of us have fired our Annual Course, with a result of eighteen marksmen and two firsts. Sergt. Challis and Pte. Lyall scored 114 points in Part I, and at present are Company Shots once again.

BOYS.

This is the Boys speaking from our new station, Moascar, and we fully enjoy being here too, for it is a great change after the four walls of the Citadel.

Since publishing our last edition we have not had many games owing to the Battalion move, but now that we are getting settled down we hope to make up for lost time. Our little band is hoping to win more championships this year again. We have already started by giving the Boys of the Royal Scots Fusiliers a beating in a cricket match played recently. The following gave a good exhibition: Boys Bright, Haigh, Williams, Schroder and Gray.

We are very pleased to say that the Boys of the last draft are putting up a very good show and there are some future Battalion representatives amongst them.

We welcome L./Cpl. Butt as N.C.O. i/c Boys, and hope he has a very enjoyable stay with us.

Before closing, we extend our good wishes to the Boys of the 2nd Battalion, and wish them the best of luck in their sporting activities.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

Another trooper, another move, another home. Thus we go on from place to place, from better to worse, or vice versa. We have now reached Moascar and our first impressions, after being shut up in four great walls, were distinctly favourable. One important improvement is

noticeable in our new Mess compared to the one in which we lived at the Citadel. Our noble Caterer—by name West, by nickname "Bogey," and by number 40—and his staff have, by dint of some hard work, made it a very pleasant home. Congratulations to all concerned.

WIRELESS.

One very welcome (to some) asset to the Mess is the arrival of a wireless set, and several members spend their spare time combining geography, arithmetic and the alphabet with ear-splitting results.

NEW FRIENDS.

Moascar has brought us into contact with new friends in the R.E. Mess, and also old friends whom we learnt much about during our stay in Palestine, the Royal Scots Fusiliers. We offer our thanks to the former for the way they have received us, and the latter for their hospitality to us on our arrival and since.

SPORT.

We have been here only a short while, but that has been sufficient for us to try our prowess in different branches of sport with very unsatisfactory results. Our first venture took place on the R.E. tennis court, and we received a thorough beating, our team of good losers being: C.S.M. Burt, Clr.-Sergt. Steadman, A./S./Sergt. Baysting and Sergts. Northcott, Blake, Bayles, 67 West, 36 Paterson, Challis and Williams.

We then tried our luck in the hockey field, and with a weakened team against our strongest company, A (S.) Company, we suffered the humiliation of a 7-1 defeat. Here we must pause a while and say a few words on the noble art of goal-keeping. The duty of a hockey goalkeeper is to ensure that the small white sphere, propelled by means of a curved stick, does not under any circumstances enter the goal. The net is not provided as a means of stopping the ball, as our goalkeeper seems to think. It has been proposed that in future our goal should be erected on a swivel to afford protection for the goalkeeper and to avoid the necessity of employing two backs. The most perplexing part of it all is that our noble custodian has already been informed that golf balls do not bounce on sand. Surely he does not expect hockey balls to! It was reported that he had a secret wish to

be transferred to A (S.) Company, but when he helped D Company to beat us by four goals we began to wonder whether it was just a friendly habit of his.

Having failed on court and field, we made an effort to retrieve ourselves by playing the R.E. at billiards, and in spite of the fact that we each won three games we found ourselves behind on the aggregate to the tune of 26 points.

The following were the team and points:—

ROYAL ENGINEERS.		THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.	
Q.M.S. Ford	100	C.S.M. Burt	82
Q.M.S. Rennie	89	C/Sergt. Steadman	100
Q.M.S. Trimmer	125	C/Sergt. Raindle	150
R.S.M. Sherwen	56	Sergt. West, 67	100
L/Sergt. Wyatt	100	Sergt. West, 40	30
Corpl. Gibbs	100	L/Sergt. Williams	82
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We then played a return match and the R.E. were again successful at tennis, beating us by 8 matches to 3, but at billiards and snooker combined we managed to register our first victory with the following scores:—

THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.		ROYAL ENGINEERS.	
Sergt. Paterson, 36	100	Q.M.S. Ford	43
Sergt. West, 67	62	Q.M.S. Harris	100
Sergt. Thompson	100	Q.M.S. Rennie	82
Sergt. West, 40	100	L/Sergt. Wyatt	75
Sergt. Bayles	100	L/Sergt. Owen	94
R.Q.M.S. Crouch	68	S/Sergt. Davies	100
		Snooker.	
Sergt. Hazledene	60	Q.M.S. Ford	57
Sergt. Paterson, 29	60	Sergt. Noble	57
R.S.M. Newman	66	Sergt. Laite	60
C.S.M. Burt	66	Q.M.S. Barnes	60

The following represented us in our first match in the Garrison Tennis League, versus the Privates of the Royal Scots Fusiliers: Clr.-Sergt. Steadman, A./S./Sergt. Baysting, C.S.M. Burt, Sergt. 36 Patterson, O.R.Q.M.S. Finch and Sergt. Northcott. The result was a 9-set-to-nil win for us.

SOCIALS.

A very successful whist drive and dance was held in the Mess, and more of these are indicated. On the Friday following Albuhera Day we gave our Annual Dance in the Garrison Hall, and, although the attendance did not come up to expectations, it was quite a good show.

ALBUHERA DAY.

Owing to the length of the Athletic Championships programme the Sports had to be run off on three days, and as most of the championship events were decided on the Monday and Tuesday, we were left

with the less important but more interesting and amusing events on Albuhera Day. On this morning we were treated to a splendid display of horsemanship by Jack Christie and his Rodeo. Cowboy Christie did not, however, bag any steers.

Several members were prominent in their company athletic teams, and our tug-of-war team accounted for the Officers' team after a good pull. Sergt. Blake showed his heels to the others in the Veterans' Race, and R.S.M. Newman won the Mess Race. In spite of good running by our Mess relay team, Sergts. 67 West, 36 Paterson, Williams and Bullock, we found the opposition too strong for us in the Inter-Mess Relay, which went to the Officers.

In the evening all members sat down to the Albuhera Dinner, which was a very successful event, and we now propose to return to the practice of holding a monthly dinner. After dinner we entertained the officers, and many interesting reminiscences were recounted, and some of these brought forth much laughter.

MONTHLY BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The above championship competition has been introduced, and the first of these championships reached the final stage, the finalists being C.S.M. Russell and Sergt. 40 West. Unfortunately the former had been admitted to hospital with a poisoned leg, so the final has been postponed indefinitely. No. 2—a 21-up game—is now in progress, and has so far reached the fourth round. The prize for each month's competition is a pewter pot, but no member may win more than one. According to this, Charlie Chaplin is due for his pot in about five years' time, provided we get no new members.

Sergt. Hazledene is to be congratulated on his untiring efforts towards making these tournaments the success they undoubtedly are. C.S.M. Russell, as previously stated, is taking a rest in hospital, as also is Sergt. Bullock. We sincerely hope that "Our Stan" is not being starved, because we already know what a small eater he is. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

ARRIVALS.

Our only arrival since our last issue is Sergt. Champion, to whom we rather prematurely extended a welcome some time ago. Congratulations are due to

Sergt. and Mrs. Snell, Sergt. and Mrs. Northcott, and Sergt. and Mrs. Griffin on the arrival of new members in their respective families.

DEPARTURES.

"Hippo" Griffin has at last left for the Depot, and L./Sergts. Moir and Edmunds have also left us, the former to Home Establishment and the latter to civilian life. We wish them success in their different ventures.

L./Sergt. Smith is at present on vacation at Hythe, and rumour has it that he is deserting the ranks of the single members and joining the ranks of the married. Good luck, Jack, but do not blame us.

Sergts. Soper and Northcott are next for the Depot in relief of Sergts. Rogers and Kennett.

GARDENING.

Many members, with the Caterer as head gardener, have been busy making our garden look ship-shape, with astonishing results. Lessons in horticulture may be obtained gratis from the precincts of the "Glory Hole."

OUTINGS.

One or two very successful outings have been organized, and we have spent these days on the banks of and in the Suez, at a place called Serapium, and, as Oliver Twist said, "Say, you guys, we sure want some more."

RACE MEETING.

The Garrison Race Meeting was held on the Mooring Mast Course, and once again Cowboy Christie's stable was well to the fore with some short-priced winners. There must have been too many of our members playing on the Tote.

LONG SERVICE MEDALS.

We offer hearty congratulations to Bandmaster A. E. Judge on having been awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, and hope that he enjoys his three months' leave in the United Kingdom.

SUN-BATHING.

It is really surprising that the sun has such a painfully disastrous effect on some of our members who have seen considerable service overseas, but, as already remarked, "One cannot help having skin and not hide."

CORPORALS' CLUB.

Hoo-la-la, and we passed many stations and came to a land called Moascar, in which there are many strange birds that fly above all day long and fill the air with strange music.

Now that we are settled down we find Moascar air very bracing, although sore backs (as well as sore heads) are very commonplace. Within the first few days our old friends the "Jocks" invited us to a games tournament, which we were unlucky to lose, but the evening was a great success and everyone enjoyed himself.

We invited them to a return tournament at a later date. This time everything was in our favour, and we did not lose a single point. It is hoped that now the Annual Weapon Training Course is drawing to a close these tournaments will continue.

Albuhera Day was a great success, and the Mess contributed some excellent talent in the way of sport. In the evening "Rosie" showed his true colours by demonstrating how the eightsome reel should be done. We held an Albuhera Dance a couple of days later in the Garrison Hall, which many say was the best dance held yet. Our own dance band gave us great support, for which we tender our hearty thanks, and we hope many more dances like this will be held in future.

We heartily congratulate Cpls. Painter, Wordley, Brown and Hopwood on their recent promotions, also L./Cpl. Smith on his appointment, and welcome him to the Mess.

In conclusion, our best regards to "Simmo," "Tug" and "Windy," who have left us for civilian life. We hope that they will soon secure employment at one of "Ernie's" gold mines or never-to-be-forgotten tobacco plantations.

CRICKET.

Now that the Battalion has moved to Moascar we are able to play more games. This season, which is only in its babyhood, has not begun too brightly, but, as many things have been happening at the same time, we have not had an opportunity to field our full team. Results so far are satisfactory, and we have enjoyed some good games.

At present, no Colours have been awarded.

The Company League and the Platoon Knock-out will soon be in full swing, and we can be sure of some bloodthirsty games.

Results of games, played as follows:—
Played, 5; won, 1; lost, 4.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT V. No. 4 F.T.S., R.A.F.

Played at Abu Sueir. Scores:—

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Clt.-Sergt. Thomas b Booker	...	...	9
Pte. Jones b Booker	...	...	1
L./Cpl. Dyer b Bailey	...	...	8
Pte. Price c Robson b Clay	...	...	0
Lieut. Sword c Booker b Bailey	...	...	24
Sergt. Northcott not out	...	...	20
Lieut. Gwyn b Romanis	...	...	1
Capt. Phillips b Bailey	...	...	1
Pte. Evans c Bailey b Traill	...	...	14
Lieut. Herapath b Smith	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	11
Total	...	...	98

No. 4 F.T.S., R.A.F.

L.A.C. Bailey b Evans	...	...	4
L.A.C. Booker c Thomas b Price	...	...	3
P./Officer Hodder c Dyer b Evans	...	...	39
Cpl. Romanis c Dyer b Chapman	...	...	32
P./Officer Musson b Sword	...	...	12
F./Lieut. Traill st Thomas b Sword	...	...	2
L.A.C. Clay c Evans b Price	...	...	14
L.A.C. Blakely not out	...	...	20
Sergt. Robson c Price b Herapath	...	...	9
Cpl. Beech not out	...	...	4
Extras	...	...	4

Total (for 8 wickets) ... 142

Result: lost by 4 wickets.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT V. No. 6 SQUADRON, R.A.F.

Played at Ismailia on 17th April. Scores:—

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

Clt.-Sergt. Thomas b Watson	...	...	0
Pte. Jones b Bolderston	...	...	28
L./Cpl. Dyer c Hogg b Watson	...	...	0
Lieut. Beadnell b Watson	...	...	0
Lieut. Sword c Massey b Bolderston	...	...	65
Sergt. Northcott b Bolderston	...	...	30
Capt. Phillips b Watson	...	...	14
Lieut. Peal b Watson	...	...	5
Pte. Price c Bird b Watson	...	...	0
Pte. Chapman c Judge b Watson	...	...	0
Bdsn. Lloyd not out	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	8

Total ... 150

No. 6 SQUADRON, R.A.F.

W.O. Bird c Phillips b Northcott	...	...	68
F./Officer Judge lbw b Chapman	...	...	11
L.A.C. Bolderston b Sword	...	...	8
L.A.C. Nicholls not out	...	...	50
S./Leader Massay b Price	...	...	11
F./Officer Milsom not out	...	...	4
Extras	...	...	13

Total (for 4 wickets) ... 155

Result: lost by 6 wickets.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS.

Played at Nelson Lines. Scores:—

ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS.	
Capt. Syfret b Price	15
Lieut.-Col. Stanley Clarke b Price	16
Lieut. Goldie c Thomas b Price	1
L./Cpl. Pearce b Painter	0
Capt. McLeod st Thomas b Painter	10
Capt. Callagan c Northcott b Painter	1
Fus. Crewe c Painter b Price	10
Lieut.-Col. Kelso c Phillips b Price	0
L./Cpl. Evans b Painter	0
Lieut.-Col. Davison lbw b Painter	9
Lieut. Heish not out	1
Extras	1
Total	64

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.	
Pte. Jones b Crewe	20
Clr. Sergt. Thomas b Stanley Clarke	11
Lieut. Beadnell lbw b Evans	1
Lieut. Sword b Stanley Clarke	44
Sergt. Northcott b Crewe	14
L./Cpl. Painter not out	62
L./Sergt. Bullock b Pearce	10
Capt. Phillips b Crewe	1
Pte. Price c Syfret b Crewe	13
Pte. Evans b McLeod	7
Cpl. Britton not out	45
Extras	12

Total (for 9 wickets) ... 240

Result: won by 8 wickets.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT v. R.A.F., ABU SUEIR.

Played at Abu Sueir. Scores:—

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.	
1st Innings.	
Clr. Sergt. Thomas run out	8
Pte. Jones b Clay	10
Sergt. Northcott c Oram b Hawthorn	17
Lieut. Sword c Booker b Torrence	28
L./Cpl. Painter c Steer b Clay	35
Capt. Phillips b Traill	3
Pte. Price b Booker	4
Lieut. Gwyn b Clay	10
Cpl. Britton c Cruikshanks b Booker	7
Pte. Evans c Poulter b Clay	0
Pte. Chapman not out	0
Extras	17
Total	139

2nd Innings.	
Clr. Sergt. Thomas c and b Clay	2
Pte. Jones lbw b Booker	0
Sergt. Northcott c Oram b Clay	0
Lieut. Sword c Cruikshanks b Booker	27
L./Cpl. Painter b Clay	3
Capt. Phillips c Oram b Booker	1
Pte. Price b Booker	0
Lieut. Gwyn b Traill	8
Cpl. Britton not out	11
Pte. Evans b Clay	2
Pte. Chapman b Clay	5
Extras	17
Total	76

R.A.F.

1st Innings.	
Booker b Price	45
Bailey b Price	0
Oram c Evans b Price	1
Steer b Price	3
Hodder c Northcott b Painter	44
Traill c Painter b Price	3
Cruikshanks b Price	4
Clay not out	6
Poulter b Painter	0
Hawthorn b Painter	0
Torrence b Painter	4
Extras	3
Total	113

2nd Innings.	
Booker b Painter	2
Hodder b Price	0
Bailey lbw b Price	10
Clay b Painter	0
Traill c Evans b Painter	57
Oram not out	40
Extras	2

Total (for 5 wickets) ... 111

Result: lost by 6 wickets.

HOCKEY.

As predicted in our last notes, C Company won the Inter-Company League, having won all their four matches. D Company were runners-up, losing only one match.

The Inter-Platoon Knock-out proved as popular as ever, and A (S.) Company are to be congratulated on having three platoons in the semi-finals, No. 4 Platoon eventually winning the cup from No. 9 Platoon, C Company, by 3 goals to 2 after extra time.

A Garrison Small Units' Hockey Knock-out was held during April. The following was the result as far as the Battalion was concerned:—

H.Q. Wing beat C Company 1—0 in the first round and lost to X Team, No. 4 F.T.S., R.A.F., 0—1 in the second round.

B Company drew a bye in the first round, and lost to H.Q. Wing, 1st Bn. The Royal Scots Fusiliers, 0—2 in the second round.

A (S.) Company and D Company drew byes in the first round, A (S.) Company beating D Company 3—1 in the second round. A (S.) Company then went on to beat H.Q. Wing, 1st Bn. The Royal Scots Fusiliers, 3—0 in the semi-final, and to lose to Y Team, No. 4 F.T.S., R.A.F., 0—2 in the final.

An umpires' class was held during

March and we hope to continue them next season, as there seems to be plenty of room for improvement.

Finally, we were very fortunate in having the best hockey ground in the Garrison and our groundsmen are to be congratulated on (according to an outsider) "having improved it 500 per cent." since we took it over.

ATHLETICS.

Since last year in Cairo there has been considerable increase in keenness and talent for athletics in the Battalion, and we turned out a better team in every way for the Command Meeting. Training for probable members of the team commenced in the middle of March, and a Battalion trial was held a fortnight later. From the results of this meeting we selected a team to represent the Battalion in the Y.M.C.A. Sports at Cairo early in April. A first-class team of King's Bodyguard won the team prize, and we tied for second place with the Royal Signals after a very exciting and hard-fought contest. The

team showed great promise, though not yet trained, and everyone enjoyed his stay with the Grenadier Guards over the week-end.

At the Command Individual Meeting, held during the last week in April, we had several entries, and Pte. Evans distinguished himself by winning the Hammer. In the team championships all the team pulled their weight. Again there was a close finish, and, although we started the final day at the head of the list, we dropped to third place at the close. Once again we were up against our old rivals, the King's Own, and succumbed to them and the Signals.

The following comprised the Battalion team at the Command Sports:—

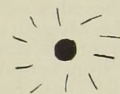
One Mile Relay (four 440's).—Lieut. Powell, Pte. Freshwater, L./Cpl. Gardiner and Pte. Thompson.

880 Yards Relay (four 220's).—Lieut. Powell, Pte. Saddington and L./Cpl. Parker.

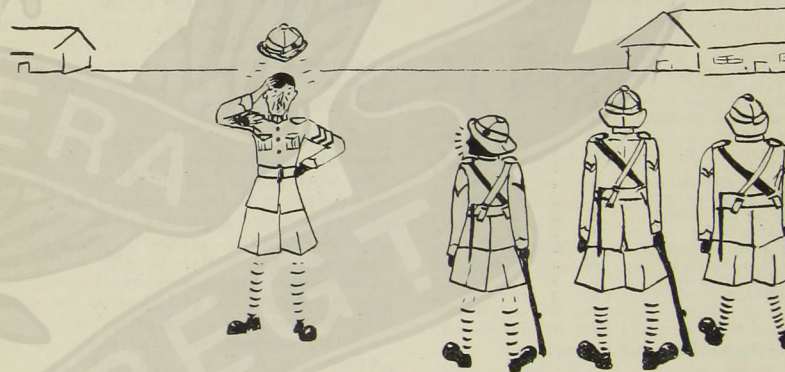
440 Yards Relay (four 110's).—Ptes. Wood and Macnamara.

Two Miles Relay (four 880's).—Cpl. Roseblade, and Ptes. Langdale, Bond and Passfield.

One Mile.—Cpls. Clark and Roseblade, and Ptes. Langdale and Ellis.



"GAS!"



Sgt. INSTRUCTOR: IN CASE OF A GAS ATTACK, WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH YOUR RIFLE?

CPL ON INTENSIVE MUSKETRY COURSE: WHY! BURY IT IN THE GROUND

(COLLAPSE OF SGT. AND REST OF THE SQUAD.)

Three Miles.—Cpl. Clark, and Ptes. Elms, 70 Smith and Henery.

High Jump.—L./Cpls. Broughton and Keefe.

Pole Vault.—L./Cpl. Hopwood and Pte. 67 Green.

Long Jump.—Lieut. Powell and Pte. Bristow.

Hammer.—L./Sergt. Bullock and Pte. Evans.

Discus.—L./Cpl. Gadsden and Pte. Evans.

Weight.—L./Sergt. Bullock and Pte. Evans.

Hurdles.—L./Cpl. Simmons, and Ptes. 56 Long, Thompson and Hewitt.

Our two tug-of-war teams, trained by Sergt. Hull, did very well, but one was unfortunate enough to be drawn against the R.A., who were the eventual winners. We gave them a good pull and nearly had them over once.

The Sports were once again held on Albuhera Day and the two preceding days. A close fight was witnessed between D Company, C Company and H.Q. Wing, the result being in that order, and points as follows: D, 90; C, 84; H.Q., 74. D Company are to be congratulated on winning the shield, especially as some of their best performers were indisposed.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Lady Pile very kindly presented the prizes.

We are constructing a "potted" athletic course in barracks for practice all the year round, and big stuff is expected next year. The team has steadily improved during our stay in Egypt, and with better facilities for training, and the expert knowledge of Lieut. Powell, we may really carry off the Command Cup in 1935.

ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1934.

Points awarded:—

EVENT	A (S).	COMPANIES.				H.Q.
		B.	C.	D.		
High Jump	1	5	3	2	4	
440 Yards Relay	4½	6	8	10	2	
Putting the Shot	5	2	4	3½	1	
Throwing the Discus	4	1	3	2	5	
Three Miles	6	3	8	10	4	
Hurdles	0	4	8	6	10	
Pole Vault	2	1	3	4	5	
Throwing the Hammer	3	1	2	5	4	
880 Yards Relay	4	2	10	8	6	
Throwing the Javelin	2	4	6	8	10	
Two Mile Relay	1	2	3	4	5	
Long Jump	2	1	4	3	5	
One Mile Relay	8½	2	4	10	6	
One Mile Team Race	6	2	8	10	4	
Tug-of-War	8	4	10	4	4	
Total	58	37	84	90	74	

Final positions and points:—

1. D Company	...	...	90
2. C Company	...	...	84
3. H.Q. Wing	...	...	74
4. A (S.) Company	...	...	58
5. B Company	...	...	37

THE CITADEL OF CAIRO.

THE Citadel, as it exists to-day, consists of three distinct enclosures: the original twelfth century fortification of Saladin, which is to-day the British barracks; the thirteenth century extension, constituting the Palace enclosure, better known as the Mosque enclosure, owing to the magnificent alabaster Mosque of the Mohammed Ali Pasha, which was built on the site of a former palace; and the fifteenth century fortification, which extends to the foot of the Citadel Hill, and is to-day the Egyptian Army Ordnance Depot.

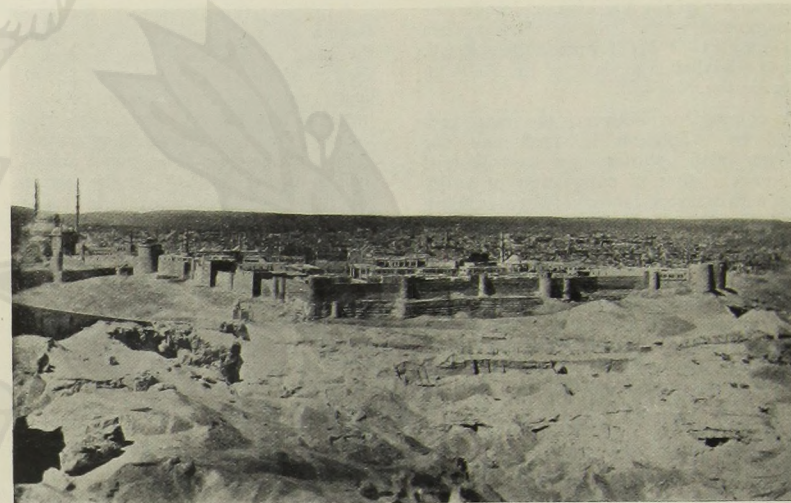
It was in 1176 that Saladin decided to build a Citadel as a place of refuge should he ever be in danger of a Fatimide rising. He entrusted the building of the "fortified enclosure" to his Emir Quaraqush, whose name is included in the foundation inscription which still exists over the original gateway.

The site selected was the edge of a plateau jutting out from the Moquattam Mountain, and the majority of the stone used was quarried probably from between the mountain and the Citadel, thus creating an artificial isolation. A glance at the panoramic view shows the resultant cliff of rocks on the eastern facade.

The site had already been utilized by Ahmed ibn Tulun about A.D. 876 for his Qubbah el Howa, or Dome of the Air, but that was only a health resort and had no military purpose.

Saladin's Castle formed part of a scheme of fortifications (the vicinity of the towering cliff of the Moquattam was no danger with the weapons then in use), which included a great wall, meeting and completing the ramparts of Badr el Gamaly (A.D. 1084) to the north and enclosing el Fustat, the site of the earliest Arab colonization of Egypt to the south. The lay-out of the plan probably followed existing contours in many places, and in others the rock has obviously been cut parallel to the alignment of the wall.

The enclosing wall contained a gallery which originally ran all round, but to-day only one-third is accessible. This wall



(Photo by Capt. Cresswell (used by kind permission).)

PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE CITADEL.

contains a number of small half-round towers, each of which has a recess at either end of the passage into which doors fitted, enabling each tower to be barricaded if necessary. These towers have an upper floor, and several contain an entrance to the gallery beneath the rampart walk.

The huge square towers are attributed to el Adil Seyf ed Din, brother of Saladin, who ruled some forty years later, and who was responsible for the two huge circular towers facing the Moquattam. These were originally similar to the small towers, but the arrow slits have been cut open to form doorways, and the huge extension built around this core. In descending, it is found that the first level has plastered walls, but the lower level reveals the original masonry of Saladin. On Napoleon's map of 1798 these two towers were named Burg ar Ramla and Burg al Haddad.

There were three gateways to the original enclosure, but only one of these remains to-day, two having been walled up at the end of the fifteenth century. These two are very interesting, as instead

of the two parallel arches usually seen, the entrance is in the form of an elbow or right-angle turn, and was probably designed to prevent the use of a battering ram. The third gate, the Bab el Mudarra, or Gate of the Steps, is to-day hidden from view by the present main gate, the Bab el Guedid, or New Gate, built by Mohammed Aly in 1815. The original gate projected from the wall like a porchway with a side entrance, and the new gate has been built against it flush with the door on the inner face. From outside the junction is obvious.

It is this old gate which bears the inscription panel of Saladin, dated 1183, which reads:—

"The building of this splendid Citadel, hard by Cairo the guarded, on the terrace that joins use to beauty, and space to strength, for those who seek the shelter of his power, was ordered by our Master the King, Strong to Aid, honour of the world and the Faith, conquest laden Yusef, son of Ayub, Restorer of the Empire of the Cariph, with the direction of his brother and heir, the just king el Adel Seyf ed Din, friend of the

Commander of the Faithful, and under the management of the Emir of his Kingdom and support of his Empire, Quaraqush, son of Abdallah, the slave of En Melik en Nasr, in the year 579."

A comparison between the map prepared by Napoleon in 1798 and the modern plan, shows two conspicuous differences: first, a congestion of buildings with narrow lanes between running in all directions, where to-day is an open parade ground, and, secondly, the non-existence of the Hospital, formerly the Palace of Mohammed Aly. This map also shows two square towers near the north-west corner. Of these, one was demolished with the exception of its outer face, which was incorporated in the huge wall on the western side of what is to-day the Right Square, whilst the other one was strengthened by a certain pillar and server to support one wing of the Palace.

In the south-west corner of the Citadel another huge tower exists, circular in shape, known as the Moquattam Tower, or "Water Tower," on account of the 80,000 gallon tank which now surrounds it. This tower is of fifteenth century construction, and the staircase has been designed to be inside the angle of the walls and not under fire.

From the top of this tower, the view is one of the finest in all Cairo. Directly below is the Palace enclosure, which contains the Bijou Palace, the Hall of Justice, with its recently-reconditioned marble staircase and the buildings which were formerly the Mint of Mohammed Aly. Here, also, but so massive and imposing as to appear on top of one rather than below, is the alabaster Mosque of Mohammed Aly, with its many domes, and the two slender Minarets, which are visible from all over Cairo, and seem like lances of two motionless sentries mounting guard over the city. Immediately below are the ruins of the oldest mosque in the Citadel, that of El Nassr Mohammed Ibn Qualaun, built in 1318, reputed to have been destroyed and rebuilt in 1335, and its dome to have collapsed in 1468. The two galleries of its minaret (which has a distinct leaning-to tendency) have just been reconditioned, and appear complete for the first time for some centuries.

Adjoining this Mosque is the Well of Joseph; only the ruined wheel-house and the head of the shaft can be seen from the top of the tower. This well is 290 feet deep, and cut through solid rock. The first shaft is 150 feet deep, and open to the sky; the descent is made by an inclined galley, which goes three times round the well in twelve flights. At the bottom of this first shaft there is a platform where a wheel, which still exists; used to be worked by oxen. The lower section of the well is about 140 feet deep, and is similar to the upper part, except that the descent is far from safe or easy. The average visitor descends to the first turn of the top gallery, and looks through the third aperture to see the light gleam on the water, some 270 feet below, and the guide, aided by years of practice, drops a stone, and they all wait to hear the splash. Generations of guides and visitors have dropped about thirty tons of stone down the well in this manner. The origin of this well is shrouded in the mists of antiquity, and opinions vary. One theory is that hundreds of Frankish Crusaders, prisoners of the Saracens, worked at this well. It is not certain that they had to cut into the live rock, for, according to certain writers, the well already existed, and they merely had to empty it of the sand which had amassed within. It is very unlikely that Joseph's Well should have been called after the Sultan, who is always called by his contemporary writers under his surname, Salah ed Din. On the other hand, traditions in Egypt always associated the name of the Hebrew prophet with works of great utility, viz., the irrigation works in the Fayum. This would be all the more probable if the well were anterior to the Citadel. Yet another opinion is that it is called Joseph's Well from a Grand Vizier of that name who had care of this work under Sultan Mohammed, son of Qualaun. This seems more likely, as the well adjoins the Mosque built by this same Sultan, and that a passage beneath the Mosque, running in the direction of the well, exists. Also that this Sultan was responsible for the building of an aqueduct bringing water from the Nile to the Citadel. The long line of arches of this aqueduct can be clearly seen from the top of the Water Tower.

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION NOTES.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1934.

Amount of grants and loans made: £147 7s. 9d.

Grants specially sanctioned by Committee: £5 17s.

Number of cases dealt with: 234.

Number of cases assisted: 118.

Number of men registered for employment: 35.

Number of men found permanent employment: 27.

(1) By Regimental Association, nil.

(2) By Acton Branch, Regimental Association: 17.

(3) By other Branches, National Association: 10.

Number of men found temporary employment: 13.

(1) By Regimental Association, nil.

(2) By Acton Branch, National Association: 1.

(3) By other Branches, National Association: 12.

Number of men who took up employment: 40.

Number of parcels sent out by Ladies' Guild: 6.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Central London Recruiting Zone, Whitehall, on 25th April, 1934.

Present: Col A. M. O. Anwyl Passingham, O.B.E., D.L. (in the chair); Lieut.-Col. M. Browne, M.C.; Majors W. E. Pringle, M.C. (7th Battalion); R. A. Slee and T. S. Wollocombe, M.C. (Hon. Secretary); Capts. S. Mirams, M.C. (1st Battalion), J. G. E. Reid (8th Battalion), C. T. Whinney, M.C., and J. R. B. Worton (9th Battalion); R.S.M. C. Davis; R.Q.M.S. W. Fletcher (2nd Battalion) (in attendance); C.Q.M.S. C. King; Mr. R. E. Evans, D.C.M., Mr. F. E. Holmes, Mr. E. Morris, and Major E. H. Amor (Secretary in attendance).

The Chairman welcomed Capt. Whinney on rejoining the Committee, and a vote of thanks was passed unanimously to R.Q.M.S. W. Pilley on his retirement.

On the skyline directly in front can be seen the most ancient pyramid in Egypt, the Step Pyramid of Sakkara, built by Zoser, son of Imhotop, 3000 B.C. (third Dynasty). To the right and against the background of the hills are the pyramids of Gizeh. These are only a century later, the Great and the Second Pyramids being the tombs of the Kings Khufu (Cheops) and Khafre of the seventh Dynasty, 2900 B.C. These are acknowledged the most colossal buildings in Egypt, if not in all human history.

In the foreground can be seen the tombs of the Mamelukes, who were rulers up to 1805, when Kurshid Pasha was deposed by Mohammed Ali after a fifty-five days' siege of the Citadel.

To the left, nestling beneath the towering cliff of the Moquattam, a refreshing spot of green can be seen. This is the garden of the Albanian Monastery of Bektashy. This curious settlement is partly carved out of the side of the mountain, into which a corridor leads to the tombs of several holy persons.

On the top of the Moquattam stands a deserted fort, often referred to as Napoleon's Fort, but probably built by Mohammed Ali as a fortress magazine. Napoleon may have laid its foundations, but no comment on its existence is made in the History of the Egyptian Revolution, where it is stated that Mohammed Ali took a mortar on to the Moquattam when he besieged the Citadel in 1805, six years after the departure of Napoleon.

These short notes were intended for the Regimental Magazine, whilst the 1st Battalion was stationed at the Citadel, but unfortunately they were not ready for the Press at the time.

But most of the Battalion has seen the view from the top of the Water Tower as described, and it will still be fresh in their memories, especially of those who had ample time to study and appreciate it, i.e., the men on guard there. Thus these historical facts of the places seen may be of interest.

[It is regretted that space will not admit of the reproduction of other photographs and plan sent with this article.—Ed.]

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Brig.-Generals R. J. Ross, C.B., C.M.G., and F. G. M. Rowley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., and Lieut.-Cols. C. P. Rooke, D.S.O., and W. H. Samuel.

The Hon. Auditors' certificate was received for the 1933 accounts, which were passed finally.

The draft of the Annual Report for 1933 was considered and approved. It was decided that the Rules should be printed separately, and a copy issued with each report.

Major R. A. Slee was appointed Hon. Treasurer, *vice* Col. Passingham, who vacates that appointment.

It was notified that arrangements had been completed to hold the Annual Old Comrades' Dinner on 3rd November, 1934, at the Headquarters of the 1st City of London Regiment, Handel Street, Bloomsbury, and it was agreed that the price of the tickets shall be 3s. each, and that all overhead charges shall be borne by the Entertainment Fund.

The amendments to the Rules suggested by the recent Sub-Committee were approved with the consent of the *ex officio* members.

The election to the Committee, by the *ex officio* members, of the following Officers and Warrant Officer was notified:—Lieut.-Col. W. H. Samuel, from co-option; Capt. C. T. Whinney, M.C., and R.S.M. W. Ward, M.M.

A donation of one guinea to the Royal Victoria Patriotic School was approved.

EMPLOYMENT.

Numerous instances occur of men whose names are on the Regimental Association's Employment Register failing to notify changes of address, or the fact that they have obtained employment. There is no excuse for the man who, on being offered a job, ignores it altogether. A good opening was recently brought to the notice of the Association. The names and addresses of four men were submitted. One of these turned up for interview, but was, unfortunately, found unsuitable. The other three failed to appear for interview, and sent no explanation. The job, of course, was filled elsewhere. It is unnecessary to send long letters. A postcard in all the cases mentioned would suffice.

OLD COMRADES' SUMMER GATHERING.

THIS popular gathering was held at Mill Hill on Saturday, 30th June, in glorious weather.

The last match of the Regimental Cricket Week was in progress, and there was an added attraction in the Air Pageant which was being held at Hendon, but was in view of the Depot grounds.

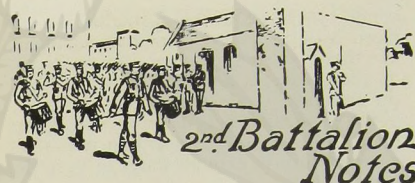
Teas were provided for 250 guests. The following were among those present during the afternoon:—

Major T. S. Wollocombe (O.C. Depot), Lieut.-Col. English, Major Amor, Cpts. Bowden, Johnson and Rosam, Mr. and Mrs. Waller, Mr. and Mrs. Easter, Mr. and Mrs. Rolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Rouse, Mr. and Mrs. Milton, Mr. and Mrs. Beadle, Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt, Mr. and Mrs. Valentine, Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Pegrum, Mr. and Mrs. Boddington, Mr. and Mrs. Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Clelland, Mr. and Mrs. Baldry, Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Oldham, Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn, Mr. and Mrs. Sparkes, Mr. and Mrs. Bird, Mrs. and Miss Fosett, Mr. and Mrs. Furniss, Mr. and Mrs. Kent, Mr. and Mrs. Goldstraw, Mr. and Mrs. Buckle, Mr. and Mrs. Kerswill, Mr. and Miss Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Whiting, Messrs. Robinson, Wheatley, Phillips, Bird, Reed, Bateman, Walters, Herring, Reynolds, Walter, Bailey, Sperry, Coomber, Farrant, Harrigan, Walker, H. Bird, Watling, Hemsley, Frost, Beck, Morris, White, Fergusson, Turton, Kneen, Paine, Bowles, Carr, Purcell, Fearn, and Blackwood.

There was also a party of forty-eight Warrant Officers and Sergeants of the 2nd Battalion at Colchester, who contributed largely to the success of the gathering.

Col. Anwyll Passingham wrote: "Very much regret that I cannot be present at O.C. Gathering, but have got to attend Air Pageant."

Many of the guests attended a dance in the Gymnasium arranged by the members of the Depot Sergeants' Mess.



SINCE the last issue of the JOURNAL our time has been largely occupied by Company Training, the firing of the Annual Weapon Training Course and by a host of other events which will be found reported under their appropriate headings elsewhere.

Battalion, Inter-Battalion and Brigade Training will keep us busy until September, with a welcome break in August, before the final spasm.

Colchester, in common with other parts of East Anglia, has experienced a period of phenomenal drought, broken only recently by a few short periods of heavy rain, but not enough to benefit the land. There is every prospect of continuance of the drought, and the plan for a Divisional concentration in Cambridgeshire has now been abandoned in favour of a Brigade Camp, of shorter duration, in the Stour Valley, where we are to have as neighbours—and no doubt during the latter part of training as potential foes—the 4th Guards Brigade from London.

We have two outstanding successes to report since the JOURNAL last appeared in print. Firstly, that of our seven-a-side Rugby football team, who, in the Eastern Counties Rugby Union Seven-a-side Championship, defeated the 2nd Bn. The King's Shropshire Light Infantry in the final by 6 points to 3, exactly the same score as was registered when the two Battalions met in a tussle for the Brock Cup the previous week. This achievement is the more noteworthy since, to reach the final stage in the Eastern Counties Championship, meant having defeated, in turn, some of the pick of the county civilian clubs.

Secondly, in winning, for the second year in succession, the Essex Challenge Shield on 30th June by the Battalion rifle team, who succeeded in bettering their

last year's winning aggregate by 41 points—a very creditable effort.

Of the Battalion Inter-Company Sports, a separate account appears elsewhere. These were held on 15th and 16th May, as is customary, and were easily won by C (S.) Company with a lead of 36 points over D Company, who gained second place.

In the Garrison Sports the Battalion was third in the final placings, which is far from discouraging and augurs well for next year. The talent is there, and in some cases consistent and conscientious training is all that is required to bring it out. Real keenness must involve a certain sacrifice to the athlete who means to succeed.

On June 25th we were honoured with a visit from the Colonel of the Regiment, who dined with the Officers in Mess that night.

We congratulate Lieut. Stephenson on being selected to play for Essex, an honour for which the necessary two years' residential qualification has only recently rendered him eligible; Capt. Wray, Capt. Clayden and Capt. Clark on their promotion to that rank; Lieut. Hudson on qualifying for the Staff College, and Lieut. Man on having successfully defeated the examiners in subject (b). Last, but not least, Lieut. Else on the birth of a son and heir.

Amongst those who have left us during the past few months are:—

Capt. Hedgecoe on posting to the 1st Battalion. He will be missed in many spheres, but notably in the realms of education, messing and in boxing, where his experience and help were most valuable. Capt. Wray—a veteran in the Battalion both in service and in Regimental teams—on appointment as Adjutant to the 7th City of London Regiment (P.O.R.). Lieut. Reid on appointment as Adjutant to the 8th Battalion, and Lieut. Hudson who is transferring to the Army Educational Corps at a future date, and is now at Shorncliffe learning the art of teaching. We wish all of these the best of luck in their new surroundings.

We extend a hearty welcome to Lieut. Batten, who has just joined us after completion of a long course at Cambridge

University, and we have great hopes of him in the Command Sports.

A COMPANY.

Since we last wrote we have been occupied with Company Training, which we have kept up with pretty fair regularity, except for a break at Whitsun and another whilst we fired our Annual Weapon Training Course, in which we shot very well, especially with the Light Automatic. Hitherto we had only one wet day. We were chosen to represent the Battalion in the A.R.A. Company Shield, which we have just fired with moderate success. A large number of the Young Soldiers' team, the Essex Shield team and the Royal Irish Cup team are from A Company. We wish them luck.

In athletics we have done tolerably well. We tied with C (S.) Company in the second "Potted Sports" for first place. In the Battalion Sports we were third. L./Cpl. Hinch ran very well in the Mile and Three Miles, finishing close to Pte. Jacques, the winner. Cpl. Poulter won the cup presented by Major Lyon for the individual most nearly achieving an Army record. He jumped 9 ft. 6 in. in the Pole Vault.

Cpl. Poulter (Pole Vault), L./Cpls. Hinch and Smith (86) (Long Distance), Pte. Fabray (Hammer) and Pte. Kent (Sprints) represented the Battalion in the Garrison Sports.

The Company Sports were held on 30th April. The weather was fine and the day passed off very agreeably. The results were as follow:—

100 Yards.—1, Sergt. Cooper; 2, Pte. Rimmer.
220 Yards.—1, Pte. Kent; 2, Pte. Oliver.
440 Yards.—1, Pte. Pilfold; 2, L./Cpl. Hinch.
880 Yards.—1, L./Cpl. Hinch; 2, Pte. Pilfold.
One Mile.—1, L./Cpl. Hinch; 2, L./Cpl. 86 Smith.

Three Miles.—1, L./Cpl. Hinch; 2, L./Cpl. 86 Smith.

Hurdles.—1, Lieut. Heywood; 2, Cpl. Poulter.
Shot.—1, Lieut. Heywood; 2, Cpl. Poulter.
Javelin.—1, Sergt. Jones; 2, Pte. Rimmer.

Pole Vault.—1, Cpl. Poulter; 2, L./Cpl. 86 Smith.

Hammer.—1, Pte. Fabray; 2, Pte. Kent.
Discus.—1, Cpl. Poulter; 2, Lieut. Heywood.
Consolation Race.—1, Cpl. Wray; 2, Pte. Pace.

Cpl. Poulter won the Individual Championship.

Company cricket has not yet begun. Indeed, as grounds are only to be had

at the rate of about two a month, we are faced with an almost cricketless summer. We have started playing stump cricket on the square, which may help to relieve the situation.

The swimming bath has proved a great boon, and we only hope that we shall continue to save enough water to keep the bath open.

Our Company Commander, Major J. R. Thorp, is doing the duties of P.R.I. once more, and Lieut. E. L. Heywood has taken command of the Company. He is just about to be relieved by Capt. E. T. Pain.

We congratulate Sergt. Bond, Cpl. Stickley, Cpl. Smith (29) and L./Sergt. Gribble on their promotion to those ranks. Sergt. Bond has now left us for H.Q. Wing, as he has become Sergt. Master-Cook.

B COMPANY.

B Company has been fairly active since the last issue of their notes, both at work and at play.

Our Annual Weapon Training Course was completed before Easter, and we still retain memories of a cold and wind-swept range, coupled with results which rather disappointed. Company Training followed, and, although the weather was kinder, our Company March was interrupted by a torrential downpour of rain. The Battalion Athletic Sports followed, and we were an unlucky fourth. Still, if runners drop batons and run into hurdles, misfortune must result.

In the Swimming Sports we tied with three other companies for second place, and in many ways were lucky to do so.

Cricket has just started, and a little talent has been discovered. How we shall shape against other companies remains to be seen.

We would like to congratulate Cpl. Chapman, L./Cpl. West and Pte. Jacques on representing the Garrison against Cambridge University in a very interesting Athletic Meeting.

2/Lieut. Beath has now joined us and will be a tower of strength to the Company. Lieut. Weston is still at Manston with the R.A.F. 2/Lieut. Fishbourne has come back from Aldershot (looking very fit) with the fixed determination of

doing great things with the Battalion boxing team. We all hope he will succeed.

I forgot to mention that No. 6 Platoon won the Inter-Platoon Athletic Shield, and No. 5 Platoon the All-In Relay.

We may not be fliers in B Company, but we do try, and in our next Company Notes we hope to record greater successes than those which rewarded our efforts this quarter.

C (S.) COMPANY.

The Company's strength has been increased since the last JOURNAL Notes by the Cadre Mortar Platoon, and we welcome these N.C.Os. and men to C (S.) Company. They are now busy training under Lieut. Else, but as they are without their new weapons as yet, imaginations have to be exceeding fertile.

In the second "Potted Sports" we were equal first with A Company, and it was decided not to count points obtained towards the Battalion Athletic Shield. We understand, however, that we shall be the first holders of a challenge shield given for this event.

The past athletic year has been a very successful one for the Company. We won the Inter-Company Seven-a-side Rugger, the team consisting of Lieut. Green, 2/Lieut. Unwin, Sergt. Johnson, L./Sergt. Jenkins, Cpl. Marshall and Ptes. Garwood and Pearson.

The Company Sports were held on 11th April under rather bad conditions, and consequently the results were not of a very high standard. In the afternoon, however, the weather cleared and we were able to complete the programme and enjoy the entertainment supplied by the events and the Regimental Band, to whom we owe our thanks.

The sports were held on the inter-platoon basis. No. 11 Platoon, consisting of the skeleton M.G. Platoon and personnel of the Mortar Platoon and H.Q., easily won the Platoon Athletic Shield, thanks mainly to the excellent performances of Lieut. Else, 2/Lieut. Unwin and C.S.M. Peck. No. 10 Platoon was second and No. 9 Platoon third.

The Platoon Athletic Shield and Medals



(Photo: Bradley & Blowers, Colchester.)

C (S.) COMPANY ATHLETIC TEAM, 1934.

were presented by Mrs. Jones, the Officers of the Company were "At Home" to the Company married families, and tea was served in an adjoining pavilion.

The Battalion Sports held on Albuhera Day became a great success for us, thanks to the excellent performances of most of the team. We gained first place with considerable ease, winning all the track events and dropping only four points out of a possible 126.

The Company teams were:—

100 Yards.—Lieut. Green, 2/Lieut. Unwin, Sergt. Ramsey, and L./Cpl. Broadbridge.
220 Yards.—Lieut. Green, 2/Lieut. Unwin, Sergt. Ramsey, and L./Sergt. Jenkins.
440 Yards.—L./Sergt. Jenkins, Ptes. Allen, Ferguson, and Stebbing.
880 Yards.—2/Lieut. Willoughby, Ptes. Allen, Ferguson, and Stebbing.
Three Miles.—L./Cpl. Day, Ptes. Berryman, Pearson, and Woolley.

One Mile.—2/Lieut. Willoughby, L./Cpl. Day, Ptes. Pearson and Berryman.

Hurdles.—Lieut. Else, 2/Lieut. Unwin, L./Cpl. Broadbridge, and Pte. Aslin.

Shot.—C.S.M. Peck and Pte. Bignell.

Discus.—2/Lieut. Unwin and L./Cpl. Tye.

Javelin.—Lieut. Else and L./Cpl. Tye.

High Jump.—Lieut. Else and L./Cpl. Delaney.

Long Jump.—Lieut. Else and Pte. Coombes.

2/Lieut. Willoughby is to be congratulated on his very fine performance in the 880 Yards, and was sadly missed by the Battalion team in the Garrison Inter-Unit Meeting.

In the Battalion Swimming Sports the Company did very well considering we had practically no opportunity of practice, and finished equal second with A and B Companies. Most unfortunately we did



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not start in the Seven Lengths Free Style owing to one of the team dropping out at the last minute. This was a very bad show on the part of the individual, as apparently the only excuse was the coldness of the water, and even if we had finished last we would have been second.

The teams were composed as follow:—

Two Lengths Breast Stroke.—Lieut. Else, Sergt. Johnson, Cpl. Hoskins, and Pte. Green.

Diving.—2/Lieut. Unwin, L./Cpl. Bruniges, and Pte. Short.

Back Stroke.—Cpl. Gatehouse, Cpl. Hoskins, L./Cpl. Eastland, and Pte. Hall.

Plunging.—Sergt. Johnson, Cpl. Gatehouse, and Pte. Bellchamber.

Two Lengths Free Style.—Cpl. Gatehouse, L./Cpl. Bruniges, Ptes. Short and Bellchamber.

The Annual Concentration at Warminster was blessed with perfect weather. Capt. Pain commanded the Company as Capt. Jones was B.M.G.O. The Company worked well, and was perhaps unlucky not to do a great deal better in the A.R.A. Competition, the result of which was very satisfactory—second in the Brigade. Sergt. Johnson's Section did exceptionally well to obtain the highest score in the direct shoot. The range-takers are to be heartily congratulated on

the excellent results of the test which produced 22 1st Class Range-Takers, to whom badges were awarded.

In the Camp Inter-Platoon Football Knock-out, both Platoons were in the semi-final. In the Ride and Drive we were third, and might easily have been first with any luck. The ground was exceedingly hard and somewhat bumpy in places.

We congratulate Lieut. Else on the birth of a son, and Sergt. Parsler and Pte. Robinson (22) on their marriages.

We shall be sorry to lose Sergt. Ramsey, who goes as an Instructor to the Territorials, and we wish him luck in his new sphere of activity.

D COMPANY.

BATTALION SEVEN-A-SIDE RUGBY TOURNAMENT.

We were unlucky to run up against C (S.) Company, the eventual winners, in the first round, but had the satisfaction not only of scoring first, but also of losing by the smallest margin. The final score was 8 points to 13 points.



[Photo: Bradley & Blowers, Colchester.]

D COMPANY ATHLETIC TEAM. Runners-up for Battalion Athletic Shield.

COMPANY SPORTS.

The Company Sports were held on 7th and 8th May, at the Stadium. The weather on the second day was a little unkind, but did not prevent several good performances being put up.

Cpl. Knights and L./Cpl. Hiscocks were first and second respectively in the 100, 220 and 440 Yards, but the latter "turned the tables" in the Long Jump. Sergt. Livens carried off the first places in the Hurdles and Javelin, and also gained a place in most of the other field events. L./Cpl. Eyles showed distinct promise in winning the Shot at 31 feet and the Hammer at 76 feet. The One Mile and Three Miles, both keen races, were won by Pte. Hobson and L./Cpl. Davis respectively. Pte. Dunne, who won the 880 Yards, showed that he was a good all-rounder by securing a place in several other events.

In the Non-Competitors' Inter-Platoon Relay Race No. 15 Platoon produced some people who obviously were too modest in their opinion of their own running abilities, and they won fairly easily. The

team consisted of Cpl. Day, L./Cpl. Read, L./Cpl. Hockley and Pte. Buckle.

A very good field turned out for the Veterans' Race, and much jostling could not prevent Sergt. Wilson from emerging the winner, closely followed by Lieut. Heywood, Capt. Clayden and Capt. Lawrence.

Sergt. Wilson's son and daughter followed their father's good example by winning the boys' and girls' races.

Mrs. Lawrence very kindly presented the prizes at the conclusion of the day.

BATTALION SPORTS.

The promise shown in the Company Sports was amply fulfilled in the Battalion Sports when we put up a thoroughly good performance to secure second place to C (S.) Company. Sergt. Livens and L./Cpl. Eyles both did over 30 feet to win for us the Putting the Weight, while we shared the honours with C (S.) Company in the High Jump. We obtained good second places in the Hurdles, Long Jump, Two Miles Relay and One Mile Team Race, whilst in the Three Miles



D COMPANY SWIMMING TEAM.

Team Race our runners bunched so beautifully that only a few yards separated them at the finish. The team consisted of Lieuts. Vaux and Porter, Sergt. Livens, Cpl. Knights, L./Cpls. Hiscocks, Armitage, Eyles, Read and Hockley and Ptes. Dunne, Hobson, Cox, Bindon and Clay.

As a result of their performances, Sergt. Livens, Cpl. Knights, L./Cpls. Hiscocks, Eyles and Davis represented the Battalion in the Garrison Sports, all doing very creditably.

SWIMMING.

We must congratulate our swimming team on a meritorious victory in the Battalion Swimming Sports. We won the Two Lengths Free Style, the Two Lengths Back Stroke and the Seven Lengths Free Style, all by comfortable margins, and, in addition, were second in the Plunging, third in the Diving and fourth in the Two Lengths Breast Stroke. The team consisted of Sergts. Russell and Allethorne, Cpl. Bromley, L./Cpl. Hiscocks, Ptes. Wright, Buckle, Miller, Stapleton and Pope.

CRICKET.

We have played two friendly matches up to date, losing to D Company of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment by 36 runs to 48, but defeating our friends of A Company by 100 runs to 72. Pte. Thomas was the star, making 26 and taking 8 wickets for 27.

We are gradually sorting out the new talent that has arrived from the Depot in the form of the last two drafts, and hope to have a really good team for the Knock-outs.

H.Q. WING.

The Wing seems to be growing to an enormous size, for the past few weeks it has been very near the 200 mark; still "the more the merrier."

While we are on the subject of newcomers to the Wing, we welcome to our midst Lieut. Stephenson and the Carden Lloyd personnel, also our new Sergt.-Master Cook, whom we congratulate on his promotion.

We also give our heartiest congratulations to the Adjutant on his promotion to Captain.

The very trying time of firing our Annual Weapon Training Course is over, and we have achieved even better results than last year, and that is saying a great deal.

The Signals have done exceptionally well in their Annual Classification. Let us hope they carry on the good work during Battalion Training.

First Class Certificates have caused a great deal of anxiety, and we congratulate Sergt. Sherriff and Pte. Snell on obtaining this very elusive certificate.

The Band is playing outside the Sergeants' Mess every Monday evening, and we have heard that certain members would not mind playing two, or even three times a week. We do really enjoy the programmes.

On 4th August the married families of the Wing are going on their annual outing. Let us hope King Sol is in the very best frame of mind. There are rumours that the restoration of the cut has not been very beneficial to certain husbands, as their wives require new bathing costumes. If the rumours are true we shall be seeing some of the latest Paris styles, or should one say creations?

The whole of the Wing, including the married families, thank the Drums for a most enjoyable day on 18th June, and we are sure everyone thought the arrangements for the Drums' Sports were excellent.

The Wing Sports were in every way a success, and we congratulate the Drums on once again being the Champion Group. They owe a great deal of their success to having such a good all-rounder in Dmr. Mew.

From the Wing point of view, the Battalion Sports were not such a success as

expected. This was not due to lack of enthusiasm, however, and we hope to do much better next year.

Once again the Wing is having a successful cricket season in the Colchester and District Cricket League, having won three games and lost 1. By the time these notes are in press we hope to have won the League. The game we lost was put down to a crumbling wicket. Maybe our cricketers have been reading too much about the Tests.

We must congratulate Lieut. Stephenson on playing for the County of Essex.

BAND.

Since our last contribution to the JOURNAL several events have come and passed, and have left with us a certain amount of material for news.

Our Annual Range Course is a thing of the dim and distant past, and several duty "wallahs" found that others knew there was a bull at 500 yards.

The Band has had two very successful week-ends by the sea, namely, at Southend and Felixstowe. Our musical efforts were very well received, despite a very elusive Old King Sol.

At Felixstowe, however, he shone with all his brilliance through a foot-thick wall. The Band happened to be playing inside, but, notwithstanding this, attendances were large. This engagement had rather a serious side, however, as 75 per cent. of our happy band returned with a vacant stare, muttering dazedly of matrimony.

Our latest instrumental effort bears the overwhelming name of xylophone duet, the twin performers concerned being Bdsn. Bones and Price.

Such stalwarts as ex-Boys Hailey and Gower have recently joined our ranks, which soon will be swelled further by Nolan, this last in the literal and figurative sense.

The Hockey Shield is our sole consolation in the realm of sport, as we were unsuccessful at both football and athletics, but if anyone fancies their chance at Mah-Jong, please apply to No. 1 Room.

Well, Depot week looms in the near future as a happy event, and in conclusion we wish "Flat Pitch" and his colleagues all the best during their stay at Moascar.

DEMI-SEMIQUAVER.

DRUMS.

We have now finished a very successful season by winning the Inter-Group Athletic Shield, mainly due to good work by Dmr. Mew, who was the "Victor Ludorum." Dmrs. Mew and Thompson have since represented the Battalion in the Garrison Sports, and Mew assisted the Garrison against Cambridge University. Besides this, we have won football, boxing and cross-country, and have therefore gained the shield for the Champion Group. Cricket is now in full swing, and inter-group games will start shortly.

On Monday, 18th June, we held our Annual Drums and Fifes Athletic Sports. After a most enjoyable afternoon's entertainment the Drums won by eighty points to sixty-four points. The married families of H.Q. Wing were invited, and we trust that they witnessed a good afternoon's sport. We heartily thank Mrs. Manson for presenting the prizes, and Capt. Clark, Capt. Manson and Lieut. Jacob for their assistance in arranging these sports.

We congratulate L./Cpl. Carpenter on gaining further promotion, and Dmr. Rundle on his appointment (good old "Polly"!). We offer L./Cpl. Hamlin and Dmr. Gray congratulations on their recent marriages.

The Drums are now practising very assiduously for an engagement at Bury St. Edmunds. Our greatest attraction should be our super-"Male Voice Choir," and we also hope that our theme song W— W— will meet with hearty applause.

Darts and table tennis are now becoming very popular in the group, and we shall soon have to hold our own championships.

SIGNALS.

As the songs goes, "One Morning in May," the 11th to be exact, we, of the Section, betook ourselves to the fields. No, not to graze, but for our annual classification.

A singularly blithesome morning, and we proceeded to read the usual signs, etc., with such vim and pep that those who ultimately achieved a 100 per cent. were many. Pte. (Tazz) Hastie must have been practising overnight, for he collected

enough points to become decorated, in due course, with silver flags. The results were very gratifying to all, and the Section is to be congratulated upon a fine effort, our average being 99.67 per cent.

The results of our A.W.T.C. were well up to expectations, no "dicky-birds," and all our marksmen held on to their rifles.

We gained our first 1st Class Certificate of Education when Pte. Snell's efforts bore fruit, and Pte. (Tazz) Hastie passed in two subjects. Our congratulations go to them both, and we hope for some more achievements in this direction.

By the time these notes appear, Lieut. Man will have returned from Hythe, where, we know, he has shown what signallers can do.

Only by a lapse in our three-mile team did we lose the winning position in the Wing sports. Pte. Towler made a masterly and successful effort to win this event, and put up what was perhaps the finest performance of the day. The other winners were:—L./Cpl. Peasley and Pte. Adams, 1st and 2nd in the 880 Yards; L./Cpl. Peasley, Ptes. Adams and Towler, 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the One Mile; Ptes. Rawlinson, Staley and Hall, 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the 440 Yards. Pte. McKay won the "Victor Ludorum" Medal presented by Lieut. Man for the individual gaining most points for the Section. We finished only three points behind the Drums, who we congratulate on a very close victory.

In the realm of sport, the Section has given the Battalion Pte. Rawlinson, a useful quarter-miler and also a good performer in the water. We extend our best wishes to him in his future exploits.

Our first cricket match of the season was against the Employed Group. Much to the delight of the spectators (two weary old horses), the Section defeated their opponents to the tune of 48 runs. Ptes. Wright and Baldock shared the batting honours, and Ptes. Dean, Wright and Rawlinson the bowling averages.

The Section are getting well under way with field duties, and can lay line, and trip over it, like old hands. Plenty of practical work has worn off the rough edges, and we are waiting impatiently for Battalion training to start. Then we will show them.

We must mention the Section Table Tennis Open Amateur Competition. At

present Pte. Jacob is leading Pte. Rose by three pings and a pong. Everyone would like to see "Olly" win the elastic-sided socks which are offered as first prize.

Here is wishing all Signallers, home and abroad, good wagging.

"Dots."

EMPLOYED.

The Group has grown considerably since the last notes went to press, and we welcome Sergt. Donaldson and his able Carden Loyd mechanics, and our new Sergeant-Master Cook, whom we wish many happy days in the Wing.

Our C.Q.M.S. and family have taken to touring the countryside, and we hope they don't get too many punctures.

We have finished our Annual Weapon Training Course, and the number of marksmen has grown somewhat. Our C.S.M. and Pte. Carter, each with 115, did the best in the Wing. Who was the lucky fellow who scored 65 and just managed to get his pay?

The start of the Wing Group Cricket was very disappointing, as we lost to our friendly enemies, the Signallers, in the only match played to date.

PEN PUSHER.

BOYS.

How remarkably the time flies. Whitsun has disappeared beyond the horizon, and we have endeavoured to put our shoulders to the wheel and make a name for ourselves this season.

We will now raise the curtain and let the new boys show themselves. Since the last issue of the JOURNAL we have welcomed Boys H. Dry, T. C. Radley, F. Maker-Neal (whom we have dubbed Swanny), J. Ceaton, H. McNaughton, B. Thatcher and G. John. Three of these came from the Watts' Naval School in Norfolk, from which we have welcomed many other boys in previous years. The latest joined are Dry, Radley and Ceaton, whilst McNaughton and Thatcher are from the Training Ship *Mercury*. You will agree that we have quite a nautical element amongst ourselves.

Now then, you new boys, don't be greedy! Do you want the whole page?

We have made a good start this cricket

season by defeating the Boys of the King's Shropshire Light Infantry, and those of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment. We owe our success mainly to the enthusiasm which exists amongst the ex-training-ship boys. We were the victors in both matches by winning on the first innings, and thus obtaining six points out of eight. After such a promising start we have great hopes of carrying off the Garrison Cup.

Athletics have played an important part in our activities since Whitsun, and our Boys did well.

In the boys' events in the Battalion Sports, Boy Burrell gained first place in the 100 Yards and 220 Yards, and second in the Boys' Long Jump. He was closely followed by Boy Firman with first place in the High Jump (4 ft. 4 in.) and two seconds in the 100 Yards and 220 Yards. Other places were gained by Cullen, third in the 100 Yards, second in High Jump and third in Long Jump. Boy Ash won the Long Jump with 14 ft. 1½ in. Boy Hailey gained third place in the 220 Yards, and Gower was third in the High Jump. So much for our budding athletes, and may they do well in the forthcoming Garrison Athletics.

During the past few weeks the swimming bath has been frequently visited. Below is a list of the winners in the Battalion Swimming Sports which were held in the Garrison Baths on 12th June. The Two Lengths Free Style was won by Boy Cullen, and second place was gained by Boy Dry. First in the Two Lengths Breast Stroke was Boy Cullen, and second was Boy Ceaton. Diving was won by Boy Dry and Boy Nolan was second.

Still discussing swimming, we will relate how we got on in the Garrison Swimming Sports. The Two Lengths Free Style was won by Boy Dry in 57 2-5 sec. He swam well and emerged wet, but, nevertheless, Dry the victor. Boy Ceaton was third. In the Two Lengths Free Style for boys from 16 years to 18 years, Boy Cullen gained third place. We were rather fortunate in the 14 to 16 years Boys' Breast Stroke, because all four entries belonged to the Battalion. The winner was Boy Radley, who just managed to scrape in ahead of Boy Ceaton in 1 min. 8 4-5 sec. Boy Cullen was third in the Boys' 16 to 18

years Breast Stroke. Boy Dry came third in the Boys' Diving.

Before saying farewell, we would like to wish ex-Boys Caney, Hailey, Gower and Nolan a bright future now that they have reached man service.

We wish the best of luck to the 1st Battalion Boys, and hope they are having a time of success equal to our own.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

We have the following casualties to report during the quarter under review:—

Sergt. Beaveridge was posted to us from the Depot early in April, but we have not seen much of him since as the Depot reclaimed him temporarily after a very short time, and he is now attached to the Central Recruiting Staff in London. L./Sergt. Frewin has joined us from the Regimental Depot, and we welcome him to the Mess. Sergt. Housden has departed to take over the duties of Master-Cook at the Depot, and our good wishes go with him. Sergt. Champion and his family left us in April to join the 1st Battalion in Egypt. We hope they have settled down by this time and have found "a place in the sun." Sergt. Ramsey has left us quite recently for the 7th Battalion (T.A.) in relief of C.S.M. Jones who has just joined us on promotion. We wish Sergt. and Mrs. Ramsey the best of luck in their new home.

We have still another recruit to the ranks of the married members to report during the quarter, to wit, Sergt. Parsler. His wedding took place on 9th June. Mrs. Parsler is well known to the Mess in general, and we extend to them both our heartiest congratulations and best wishes for a happy married life.

The Battalion has recently been issued with two very weird-looking mechanically propelled atrocities known to the initiated as Carden Loyds. No one seems to be quite certain of their purpose. However, they are here to stay for at least quite a while, and it has fallen to the lot of Sergt. Donaldson, who has recently completed a course of instruction at Lydd in such sundry matters, to water and feed them and generally look after them during their sojourn with the Battalion. The "animals" in question appear to have

grown quite fond of him already, and respond to his touch with a gentle "roar" of recognition.

We have only one social event to report, but what an event! The annual Albuhera Ball, which was held in the Garrison Gymnasium on 18th May. The arrangements were really perfect, and the decorations gained unstinted praise from all our visitors. We were very glad to welcome a goodly muster of Depot Mess members, including R.S.M. and Mrs. Davis and R.Q.M.S. Pilley; also a number of old members. The Ball was very well attended by the other Messes in the Garrison and a large crowd of civilian friends of members. The Battalion Dance Band performed excellently, and the whole evening went with a swing and was very enjoyable.

We should like to take this opportunity of placing on record a hearty vote of thanks to C.S.M. Hart, to his Committee, and to the large number of other members of the Mess who co-operated, who must have worked very hard to make the Ball the huge success it undoubtedly was.

Unless they are prevented by other engagements, we have the services of the Regimental Band for an hour each Monday, between 6 and 7 p.m., to play outside the Mess. This is very much appreciated by the members and their wives, and also by other married families and the troops in general. It is so very rarely now that the Band find time to play to their own Battalion's married families and men, and this hour once a week is a welcome opportunity of listening to them.

We are just a little too early to be able to include the annual Kent Cup Shoot in our notes for this quarter. The shoot takes place during the forthcoming week, and we shall have to leave it until next quarter's notes.

CORPORALS' CLUB.

It is some time since we intruded upon the space of this JOURNAL, and we must therefore tender our apologies for those things which we must perforce leave unsaid, and for not entering into more complete detail. As we have to cater for many in the small confines of our club room, so must we try to cram much into a small space here.

Mention must be made, however, of the extensive alterations and renovations recently carried out under the leadership of L./Cpl. Tye. We have now approximately another nine square feet at our disposal, and the increased accommodation is much appreciated. Our spring-cleaning may have been a little late in the year, but it has certainly brightened the place up considerably. Another alteration is the substitution of "Harold" for "Connie." The resultant freedom of speech has enabled us to effect a marked saving in coal.

The seriousness with which we confront life must be our excuse for the paucity of our social functions—two dances only have been held during the past six months. At the first of these we decided to make a splash and hold it in the Garrison Gymnasium—the purists may say that there was more splash than dance. The second affair, in the Privates' Canteen, was on a much smaller scale, and, we regret to say, was poorly attended by our own members, but a most enjoyable evening was passed by those who did attend.

The Annual Outing is to be held in July, when a minor invasion of that salubrious spot, Southend, will take place. The more serious of our members are now undergoing strict training for this event. By the time these notes are in print we will be on another kind of "outing," but the casualties are not expected to be as numerous on this occasion.

Appointments and promotions have been too numerous to detail in full, but we congratulate ex-Cpls. Wright, Gribble and Bond on their promotion to the more austere atmosphere of the Sergeants' Mess. We wonder will they feel strange in being "At Home" on Sundays.

At the time of writing there are three members absent on courses of instruction. Whilst wishing these every success, we trust that Cpl. Overy will not overshoot the mark, that Cpl. Sargent will continue to keep the flag waving, and that L./Cpl. Collison will never put more than his shirt on a horse (the vaulting variety understood).

To those that have exchanged our cloistered precincts for the buffetings of a cruel and unkind world, we extend our

best wishes for future prosperity. To our new brethren we hold forth the hand of welcome.

CRICKET.

We were unfortunate in having to play most of our matches in the early part of the season without being able to turn out our best eleven. The Machine-Gun Concentration took Lieuts. Green and Unwin away for a fortnight, while Lieut. Stephenson was away for the whole month at Lydd. The most unkind cut of all, however, and one which will never be healed, is the departure of Lieut. Hudson to the Army Educational Corps. It is good to hear that he will be playing in the Regimental Cricket Week, but his loss to the Regimental cricket side is, indeed, irreparable. Lieut. Weston is also away this year, and his appearances, we fear, will be few and far between.

However, with all these set-backs, the cricket has been none the less enjoyable. We were very glad to see Major Wollocombe playing for the 2nd Battalion in our first match at Cambridge against Trinity Hall, and were sorry not to see him get some runs. Our annual matches against Trinity Hall saw them victorious both times, but as we won both the corresponding matches last year, and were one up on them before, we still lead in the number of victories.

The win over Colchester and East Essex was a very creditable one considering our sadly depleted team. However, all praise to Lieut. Heywood, who was captaining the side, and to Sergt. Kemp for his individual performances.

The best match so far was that against Bury and West Suffolk, at Bury. The whole eleven were not only entertained most hospitably, but were given an excellent and enjoyable game. Lieuts. Stephenson and Unwin were responsible for our big score (they both scored centuries), though, if the truth be told, they should both have been out before making them as they both gave chances. We somehow did not expect Bury to get those 186 runs in just under two hours, but as our bowling became somewhat unsteady and ragged in the last half hour, they just pulled off the game with three minutes to spare. A very enjoyable game, and a fixture we hope to renew.

We were glad to see Lieut. Green regain some of his old confidence with 47 not out against St. John's, especially as the remainder failed rather lamentably. We shall hope to see that coveted 50 from him at least once this year.

There are many more matches to come, and we hope the fine weather continues, as the wickets are hard and ideal for getting runs. Not so ideal for our bowlers, who, I am afraid, are not finding it too easy to get the other side out for as low a score as we could wish.

Results of matches played:—

- 3/5/34.—v. 1st Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers, at Colchester, match drawn. Scores: 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, 159 for 5, dec. (Lieut. Stephenson 95); 1st Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers, 127 for 4.
—/5/34.—v. Trinity Hall, at Cambridge, lost by 143 runs. Scores: 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, 110 (Sergt. Cooper 42); Trinity Hall, 253 for 5, dec.
14/5/34.—v. St. John's College, at Cambridge, lost by 194 runs. Scores: 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, 50; St. John's College, 244 for 6, dec.
17/5/34.—v. Trinity Hall, at Colchester, lost by 62 runs. Scores: 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, 115 (Lieut. Green 47 not out); Trinity Hall, 177 for 4, dec.
31/5/34.—v. Colchester and East Essex, at Colchester, won by 5 wickets. Scores: 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, 145 for 5 (Sergt. Wilson 61 not out); Colchester and East Essex, 142 (Sergt. Kemp 4 for 43).
7/6/34.—v. Bury and West Suffolk, at Bury St. Edmunds, lost by 6 wickets. Scores: 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, 294 for 4, dec. (Lieut. Stephenson 147, Lieut. Unwin 115), and 64 for 4, dec.; Bury and West Suffolk, 177 (Lieut. Unwin 4 for 53), and 188 for 4.

ATHLETICS.

Company, Battalion and Garrison Sports are things of the past, and Command Sports will also be over before these notes are in print.

We will leave Companies to deal with their own sports meetings, and will just give the results of the Battalion Sports, which were held on the 15th and 16th of May, and were run on the team system.

- High Jump.—Tie, C (S.) and D Companies, 9 ft. 8 in. Best individual jump: Lieut. Vaux, 5 ft. 2 in.
Putting the Shot.—1, D; 2, B; 62 ft. 10½ in. Best individual put: Sergt. Livens, 31 ft. 10½ in.
Throwing the Javelin.—1, A; 2, C (S.); 232 ft. Best individual throw: L./Cpl. West, 127 ft. 9 in.
Throwing the Hammer.—1, C (S.); 2, G; 164 ft. 7 in. Best individual throw: L./Sergt. Jenkins, 100 ft. 6 in.
Long Jump.—1, C (S.); 2, D; 38 ft. 9 in. Best individual jump: Lieut. Else, 20 ft. 3½ in.

Three Miles Team Race.—1, C (S.); 2, A. First man home, Pte. Jacques; second man home, L./Cpl. Hinch. Time, 15 min. 59 4/5 sec.
480 Yards Hurdles.—1, C (S.); 2, D. Time, 1 min. 1 4/5 sec.
One Mile Team Race.—1, C (S.); 2, D. First man home, Pte. Jacques; second man home, L./Cpl. Hinch. Time, 4 min. 51 4/5 sec.
Throwing the Discus.—1, C (S.); 2, G; 181 ft. 4 in. Best individual throw: Dmr. Mew, 93 ft. 4 in.
880 Yards Relay.—1, C (S.); 2, B. Time, 1 min. 39 sec.
Pole Jump.—1, G; 2, C (S.); 17 ft. 6 in. Best individual jump: Cpl. Poulter, 9 ft. 3 in.
Two Miles Relay.—1, C (S.); 2, D. Time, 9 min. 12 3/5 sec.
440 Yards Relay.—1, C (S.); 2, G. Time, 47 2/5 sec.
One Mile Relay.—1, C (S.); 2, A. Time, 3 min. 56 sec.
Boys 100 Yards.—1, Boy Burrell; 2, Boy Firman. Time, 12 sec.
Boys' High Jump.—1, Boy Firman (4 ft. 4 in.); 2, Boy Cullen.
Boys' Long Jump.—1, Boy Ash (14 ft. 6 in.); 2, Boy Burrell.

We also had a Boys' Open 880 Yards Relay, which was won by the 4th Queen's Own Hussars, the Royal Artillery being second. In this race, both The King's Shropshire Light Infantry and The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiments teams, who were first and second to finish, were disqualified for faults in taking over.

Pte. Jacques won a cup presented by the Commanding Officer for the first man home in the three miles. Major Lyon also presented a cup for the best field event result in comparison with the Army record, worked out on a percentage basis. This was won by Cpl. Poulter, 9 ft. 3 in. in the Pole Jump. Lieut. J. F. Vaux, Royal Army Service Corps, who is attached to us for a year, has very kindly presented a cup, to be held annually by the Company gaining second place in the Battalion Sports.

The final points were as follows:—C (S.), 121½; D, 85½; A, 63; B, 60; G, 49½; Q, 39½.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the prizes were distributed by Mrs. Lyon. C (S.) Company deservedly retained the Athletic Shield; D Company became the first holders of the cup presented by Lieut. Vaux. At the same time, the shields and cups for the various sports throughout the year were presented.

From the Battalion Sports we passed on to the Garrison Meeting (13th and 14th June), and here we were, in a way,

unlucky. 2/Lieut. J. E. F. Willoughby and L./Sergt. Jenkins were both away on a Machine Gun Course, and were unable to get leave. 2/Lieut. G. O. Porter had to devote his energies to our aquatic team. L./Cpl. Peasley, who has run so well for us in the past, was medically unfit. Cpl. Overy was away at Hythe, so in one way and another our track events suffered considerably. Nevertheless, the results in some cases surprised us, and with one first and eight seconds in a field of six we felt we had not done so badly, more especially as we were competing against the Lancashire Fusiliers, who were last year's Army team champions. It was in the track events that we were weak; in every field event we have improved on last year. For this we have to thank Major Procter and his "potted sports," which have definitely raised our standard. Mr. Hill, whom we all know so well, was down here for two weeks to help us with our training. It was a pity that C (S.) Company were away for so much of the time he spent here and were unable to make use of his valuable instruction.

The names of those who represented the Battalion, and the results are given below:—

High Jump.—Lieut. Else (5 ft. 4 in.) and L./Cpl. Delaney, 10 ft. 5 in., 2nd.
880 Yards Relay.—2/Lieut. Unwin, Dmr. Thompson, Cpl. Chapman and Pte. Kent, 5th.

Putting the Shot.—Sergt. Livens and L./Cpl. Eyles, 65 ft. 9½ in., 2nd. In this event L./Cpl. Eyles did over 34 ft., and had one put of over 36 ft., but, unfortunately, this was a "no put." He should do well next year. Sergt. Livens at the time had damaged his arm and was not up to his best form.

480 Yards Hurdles.—Lieut. Else, Lieut. Stephenson, 2/Lieut. Unwin and Sergt. Livens, 2nd. A good race with the 4th Divisional Signals.

Throwing the Javelin.—Lieut. Stephenson and L./Cpl. West, 281 ft. 10 in. (Lieut. Stephenson 151 ft. 3 in.), 2nd.

440 Yards Relay.—2/Lieut. Unwin, Dmr. Thompson, Lieut. Stephenson and Cpl. Knights, 2nd.

Throwing the Hammer.—Pte. Fabray and Dmr. Mew, 184 ft. 9 in., 4th.
Long Jump.—Lieut. Else and Sergt. Deane, 38 ft. 10 in., 2nd.

Three Miles Team Race.—L./Cpl. Hinch, L./Cpl. 86 Smith, Pte. Berryman and Pte. Jacques, 2nd. The team ran very well.

One Mile Relay.—Cpl. Knights, L./Cpl. Hiscocks, Pte. Pilford and Pte. Rawlinson. We were unlucky in the draw, and had to be content with 5th place.

One Mile Team Race.—Pte. Jacques, L./Cpl. Hinch, L./Cpl. Day and Pte. Adams, 3rd.

Throwing the Discus.—2/Lieut. Unwin and L./Cpl. Tye, 201 ft. 6½ in., 2nd. Eight inches separated us from the winning team.

The Pole Jump.—Cpl. Poulter and Dmr. Mew, 19 ft. 6 in., 1st. Both jumped 9 ft. 9 in.

Two Miles Relay.—Pte. Jacques, Pte. Pilford, Pte. Berryman and L./Cpl. Davis, 4th.

Our final place was third, three and a half points behind the 2nd Bn. The King's Shropshire Light Infantry and sixteen points behind the 1st Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers.

We have to congratulate the under-mentioned on being selected to represent the Garrison against Cambridge University:—

One Mile.—Pte. Jacques.

Long Jump.—Lieut. Else (20 ft. 3 in.).

Pole Vault.—Dmr. Mew (10 ft. 4 in.).

220 Yards Low Hurdles.—Cpl. Chapman.

Throwing the Javelin.—L./Cpl. West (137 ft. 2 in.).

Pte. Jacques also ran for the Garrison in a track event match against Chelmsford A.C., and gained second place in the Mile.

We have yet to learn that the best results cannot be obtained without careful training, and there is no doubt that had greater keenness been shown in this respect we would have held second place, at least, in the Garrison Sports. Let us learn our lesson for future years; we have good material if we will only make the best of it.

SWIMMING.

The Garrison Swimming Bath opened on the 23rd May, even earlier than last year, and, in spite of the chilliness of the water, the attendance each morning before breakfast was extremely good.

The Battalion Swimming Sports were held on the 12th June, and were organized as an Inter-Company Competition, the points counting towards the Company Shield. D Company came first with 30 points, A, B and C (S.) Companies tied for second place with 21 points, and G and Q brought up the rear with 16 and 10 points respectively.

The results of the Boys' Races were as follows:—

Two Lengths Free Style.—Boy Cullen.

Two Lengths Breast Stroke.—Boy Cullen.

Diving.—Boy Dry.

The Garrison Swimming Sports were held on the following week, giving us

very little time in which to select and try out our Battalion team. The following were chosen to represent the Battalion:—

Two Lengths Free Style.—2/Lieut. G. O. Porter, Pte. Wright (D), Pte. Short [C (S.)], and Pte. Rawlinson (H.Q.).

Two Lengths Back Stroke.—Cpl. Bromley (D), Cpl. Hoskins [C (S.)], L./Cpl. Lomax (A), and Pte. Buckle (D).

Two Lengths Breast Stroke.—L./Sergt. Livens (D), Cpl. Hoskins [C (S.)], Pte. Stapleton (D), and Pte. Simkins (B).

Seven Lengths Free Style.—Sgt. Russell (D), Cpl. Bromley (D), L./Cpl. Lomax (A), and Pte. Fabray (A).

Diving.—L./Cpl. Bruniges [C (S.)], Pte. Buckle (D), and Pte. Short [C (S.)].

Plunging.—Cpl. Gatehouse [C (S.)], Pte. Bell-chamber [C (S.)], and Pte. Murray (H.Q.).

The following were the places obtained by the Battalion in each event:—Two Lengths Free Style, 1st; Two Lengths back Stroke, 3rd; Seven Lengths Free Style, 4th; Diving, 3rd; Plunging, 2nd, our final position being third out of the five teams competing, the 4th Divisional Signals winning for the second time in succession.

We offer our congratulations to Pte. Hobson on coming in second in the Fourteen Lengths Free Style, and also to Boys Dry and Radley on winning the Two Lengths Free Style and Two Lengths Breast Stroke respectively in the Garrison Individual Championships.

MUSKETRY.

The Annual Weapon Training Course has been fired on the Company system as opposed to the "block" system of last year, and such firing is now practically complete.

Keenness on shooting has been very apparent this year, and we have a most promising batch of young soldiers who, by their achievements at open-range competition firing, have already shown that they are likely, in their turn, to emulate the feats of the Warrant Officers and Sergeants when the time comes.

The outstanding event up to date has been the winning of the Essex County Challenge Shield for the second year in succession by our Battalion Rifle Team. The 68th Annual Meeting of the Essex County Rifle Association took place at Middlewick on 30th June, and we scored an aggregate of 581 points in the competition for the shield, an increase of 41 points

over our last year's winning score. The runners-up were the Depot of the Essex Regiment, who scored 555 points.

The Battalion team was composed as follows:—Lieut. Else (captain), R.S.M. Ward, C.S.Ms. Peck and Mewett, Serpts. Kemp, Colbourne and Jones, L./Sergt. Cooper, Cpl. Chapman and L./Cpl. Etheridge. We heartily congratulate them.

Cpl. Chapman did well in the "Any Rifle" Individual Rapid-Fire Match at the same meeting, scoring highest possible and gaining first place "tie" with a civilian firer.

We have entered for the following A.R.A. Non-Central Matches this year:—

Machine Gun and Machine-Gun Fire Control Cups, The Company Shield, Duke of Connaught, King George, Royal Irish and Young Soldiers' Cups. The first four named have already been fired and we have two teams of sixteen each entered for the Young Soldiers' Cup, which is the next to be fired.

There is to be no Garrison Rifle Meeting this year, and our closing event will be the Battalion Rifle Meeting on 10th July, to which it has unfortunately only been found possible to allot half a day this year, so a certain amount of curtailment may be necessary.

Exigencies of the Service prevented any Battalion representatives being sent to Bisley this year. Let us hope this may be possible next year.

Apart from the question of encouraging talent, it will be an excellent thing for the Battalion to be represented at the Central Meeting, where we have been at a discount for many a long year.

Six teams, one per Company and two from H.Q. Wing were this year entered for the S.M.R.C. Army Small-Bore Competition, this being a new venture for us. The results were not very successful, but A Company's team, which averaged 82.5, did well on the whole.

Two matches with .22 rifles have been fired by our Warrant Officers and Sergeants' team *v.* the Colchester Rifle Club. The first of these took place on our miniature range on 1st May, and resulted in a win for the Sergeants' Mess team by 4 points, the Colchester team failing chiefly with open sights. The return match took place at the Drill Hall

range at a later date, when the tables were turned, the Colchester Rifle Club winning by 68 points.

Owing to practice shooting for the A.R.A. Matches, the usual weekly Central Rifle Club and Voluntary Shoots have necessarily remained in abeyance, but these will be resumed in the autumn.

RUGBY SEVEN-A-SIDE COMPETITION.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT CHAMPIONS.

FINE PERFORMANCE OF K.S.L.I.

THE final phase of the Eastern Counties Rugby Union Seven-a-side Championship, played at Lexden on Saturday, was a triumph for local military sides, who had the honour of participation in the deciding match. The 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment defeated the 2nd Bn. The King's Shropshire Light Infantry—exactly the same result as in the Brock Cup the previous week—and these two teams, having run through the pick of the County civilian clubs, were given great receptions when they lined up. The referees (all Eastern Counties officials) were Mr. K. E. Fisk, Mr. A. G. Bowers and Mr. G. Warden. Details:—

FIRST ROUND.

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT, 10 PTS.; TOC H, 8 PTS.

The Middlesex Regiment started off in great style, and a good three-quarter movement led to Unwin scoring. Stephenson converted. Austin then intercepted a pass and got right through, but Stephenson caught him up and tackled him beautifully. Stephenson then missed a drop at goal, but a minute later he gave Unwin a beautiful pass, from which the Army player scored. Stephenson converted. Batchelor then got over for the London men. Just before the end Sampson scored again for Toc H, but the try was not converted.

NORWICH, 0; MARTLESHAM R.A.F., 8 PTS.

The Martlesham men proved to be the faster side, and tries were scored for them by R. V. Odbert and R. J. Pudney, one of which Blennerhassett converted.

2ND BN. THE K.S.L.I., 3 PTS.; LONDON HOSPITAL, 0.

The Shropshires supplied the first real surprise of the afternoon when they defeated London Hospital by a try to nothing. There was no score when full time was reached, but all the time the soldiers were pressing. In the extra time Howells and Benbow went near, but it was Jones who got the winning try. He cut through from a set scrum and ran well to touch down.

IPSWICH Y.M.C.A., 0; LEYTONSTONE, 5 PTS.

Willmore scored the try which proved all-important for Leytonstone early on in the first half.

SEMI-FINALS.

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT, 10 PTS.; MARTLESHAM R.A.F., 0.

The Airmen were the first to be dangerous when Rouse broke away, but Unwin raced across and brought him down near the line. Green broke away from his own "twenty-five," from a pass by Stephenson, and after a fine run grounded for Unwin to convert. The soldiers went further ahead in the second half, when Unwin broke away on his own. Stephenson converted.

2ND BN. THE K.S.L.I., 18 PTS.; LEYTONSTONE, 3 PTS.

Strangely enough, Leytonstone were the first to score, Robinson putting the finishing touches to a fine three-quarter movement. This try was not converted. Jefferies soon retaliated for the soldiers after racing down the field, and Howells converted. Before half-time, after fine work by Timms, Reardon added another try, which Jefferies converted. In the second half Jones broke away from a scrum and ran well to touch down, and Howells converted. Before the end Howells side-stepped his way through to make the final score 18 points to 3 points.

FINAL.

2ND BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT, 6 PTS.; 2ND BN. THE K.S.L.I., 3 PTS.

As one would expect from two such sporting units, the final match was a fine one. The Shropshires had not the individual punch of The Middlesex, but by

sheer fitness, team spirit and determination they put up a grand fight. The Shropshires went all out from the beginning, and Howells got through the middle, but Stephenson and Unwin put him on the ground. The crowd cheered wildly when the K.S.L.I. took the lead, Reardon scoring from a line-out. Before half-time Howells had bad luck with an attempt to drop a goal. After the change of ends Green sent Unwin away, and the wing man got through to level the scores. The K.S.L.I. made valiant efforts to regain their lead, and Howells and Jefferies both went near. The scores were still equal at full-time, and the game was thus continued, the first side to score being the winner. After five minutes Stephenson took a pass from the scrum "all out," and raced through to give The Middlesex victory. The Middlesex Regiment and The K.S.L.I. can be congratulated on their fine performances in seven-a-side competitions.

The finalists were:—

2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment. — Unwin, Stephenson, Green, Pearson, Kent, Marshall and Beath.

2nd Bn. The King's Shropshire Light Infantry. — Jefferies, Benbow, Howells, Jones, Timms, Hobbs and Reardon.

"SCRUM HALF."

3rd BATTALION (PRE-WAR) REUNION DINNER.

THE "Bedford Head" Hotel in Maiden Lane was again the venue for the third of these annual functions, which this year took place on Saturday, 21st April.

A unique feature of these dinners which is largely instrumental in making them the great success they are, is the fact that not only are the eligible men invited, but also their wives.

On entering the Hotel one meets old friends not seen since the similar function last year, and in addition, each successive dinner sees an influx of new members who are surprised at the mutual recognition of people they have not met for over twenty years.

The ladies, too, share in the "reunion

spirit." They meet friends of Africa, China, or India days, who have been long since scattered by the exigencies of the Service.

It truly is a great Reunion.

The dinner is timed to commence at 8 p.m., but naturally, when the "old soldiers" of both sexes gather together, talk is the chief item, and the air is full of: "Do you remember?" etc.

This year everyone was seated by 9 p.m. and did full justice to an excellent dinner, after which, in accordance with the usual custom, a souvenir of the occasion was presented to everybody present.

After the loyal toasts, the Chairman, Col. C. D. Drew, D.S.O., proposed "The Regiment," which was responded to by the company singing "The Die-Hards," ably led by "Singing Master" Harrison of the Drums.

In a witty speech, Mr. R. Douthet thanked Mr. G. Kerswill on behalf of the entire company, for his excellent work in organizing and carrying out the entire arrangements for the dinner, and the company showed their appreciation of Mr. Kerswill's services in the usual way with musical honours.

Mr. Kerswill was the originator of the Reunion Dinner, and at the outset got in touch with everyone eligible to attend, and since has rounded them up and organized every subsequent function, for which he is not only to be thanked, but to be heartily congratulated.

The numbers this year were rather below the usual, as owing to various reasons, fourteen members were unable to attend at the last moment. The members were disappointed that only one pre-officer was able to be present, and hope next year to see more of the pre-war 3rd Battalion officers now serving at home.

Col. C. D. Drew, Mr. and Mrs. C. Baldry, Mr. and Mrs. F. Bevis, Mrs. and Miss D. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. W. Blackman, Mr. G. Blackman, Mr. R. Blackman, Mr. T. Bonner, Mr. A. Bowles, Mr. and Mrs. T. Buck, Mr. J. Casey, Mr. and Mrs. Clelland, Lieut. and Mrs. Carvell, Mr. and Mrs. C. Cox, Miss Cox, Mr. R. Douthet, Mr. and Mrs. H. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. W. Easter, Mr. and Mrs. E. Furniss, Mr. and Mrs. C. Gibson, Mr. J. Harrison, Mr. H. Hart,

Mr. and Mrs. J. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hollingsworth, Mr. and Mrs. W. Horner, Capt. G. Johnson, Miss Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. G. Kerswill, Mr. W. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. T. Mitchell, Mr. T. Mitchell, jr., Mr. and Mrs. H. Morden, Mr. and Mrs. P. Muggridge, Mr. and Mrs. R. North, Mr. and Mrs. H. Pascoe, Mr. and Mrs. H. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Stannett, Mr. W. Stannett, jr., Mr. and Mrs. G. Sullivan, Mr. W. Walter, Mr. and Mrs. R. Whiting.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Col. R. F. B. Glover, Mr. W. Bartlett, Mr. Blackwell, Mr. A. Burton, Mr. W. Mallandain and Mr. J. March.

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DEPOT NOTES.

THE last quarter has been comparatively a quiet one, except for athletic activities, which are chronicled elsewhere. Steady progress has been made in training, and the standard of recruits arriving at the Depot and of squads proceeding to Colchester has remained at a good level.

There are at present five squads at the Depot: El Bodon (Sergt. Smith), Ladysmith (Sergt. Painter), Inkerman (Sergt. Harper), Suvla (Sergt. Rogers), and Mysore, which has not yet been completed (Sergt. Green). The total number of recruits at present here is 126. Recruiting was very slow two months ago, but when it appeared that our quota for the last quarter would not be obtainable an improvement set in, and finally the Regiment was closed for recruiting before the end of June. A new Regimental recruiting poster has been designed, and will shortly be issued.

Only one squad has proceeded to join the 2nd Battalion since the last notes were written. This was Alma, under Sergt. Beaveridge, which left on the 5th May.

At the end of May a visit was paid to the Depot by our new Area Commander, Major-General Minshull-Ford, and other visits have recently been made by the D.D.M.S., Eastern Command, and the Command Education Officer.

Lieut. and Mrs. Newton are to be

heartily congratulated on the birth of a second son, and we offer congratulations to R.S.M. Davis, Sergt. Benwell, A.E.C., Ptes. Butt and Jacobson on the award of Long Service and Good Conduct Medals.

2/Lieut. D. J. Borgars, who was educated at Mill Hill School, has just commenced preliminary training at the Depot as an officer of the Supplementary Reserve, and he is heartily welcomed to the Regiment.

Sergt. Shaw has left the Army after many years' service in the Depot Cookhouse, and we wish him good luck in civilian life. Amongst other N.C.Os. who have proceeded to Colchester at the expiration of their normal tours of duty are Sergt. Beaveridge, Cpl. Frewin and Cpl. Clarke. Cpl. Riches has been recommended for an Advanced Physical Training Course, commencing in September. Sergt. Griffin and his family have arrived here from Egypt, and amongst N.C.Os. who have been, or are about to be, posted from the 2nd Battalion are Sergt. Housden, Cpl. Knights, L./Cpls. Parry and Lovell.

Although no officers are to assist officially at the Territorial Camps this year, certain assistance is to be given both officially and unofficially, and this includes, as for last year, a party of recruits under Cpl. Burgess, which will assist the 19th London Regiment in Camp at Swanage. While mentioning Cpl. Burgess, it should be added that his name was accidentally omitted in last quarter's notes from the list of Army referees promoted from Class III to Class II.

The following have been the winners of recruits' competitions during the quarter:—

COMMANDING OFFICER'S P.T. MEDAL.

Alma.—Pte. Sharp.

El Bodon.—Pte. Verbaeys.

SQUAD BADGES.

El Bodon.—12th Week, Pte. Hollands (Pte. Adams).

Ladysmith.—8th Week, Pte. Mann (Pte. Heather); 12th Week, Pte. Dunsdon (Pte. Mann).

Inkerman.—4th Week, Pte. Hinton (Pte. Brencley); 8th Week, Pte. Barrett (Pte. Hinton).

(Names in brackets are those of runners-up.)



PTE. GROVES.

Winner of Paiba Cup, 1934.

The Cup is awarded to the recruit who has been judged to have done the most by his efforts towards the success of his Squad in the Sports, without actually winning a First Prize himself.

SHOOTING PRIZES.

Empire Test and Table "A":—

El Bodon.—Ptes. Moody and Monk.

Ladysmith.—Ptes. Ackrill and Dunsdon.

The following recruits have been awarded 2nd Class Certificates of Education during the quarter:—

El Bodon.—Ptes. Adams, Coleman Courtney, Dandridge, Moody and Nicholson.

Ladysmith.—Ptes. Dibble, Groves, 17 Manning, Palmer and Ruddle.

2nd and 3rd Class Certificate examinations are to be held during the week of writing. Ladysmith Squad should have a specially good educational record by the time it leaves the Depot.

Pte. Lever (Ladysmith) broke the existing recruits' record in the Javelin with 113 ft. 7 in., and will be awarded a special medal.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

Maddened to desperation and soddened with perspiration, the scribe watches his waxen tablets fluidly shimmering in the heat; as innocent of impressions as is the



LADYSMITH SQUAD.

Winning Recruits' Team in Depot Athletic Sports, 1934.

Standing.—Ptes. Mann, Hasell, Painting, Lever, Ackrill, Dibble, Heather, Wraight and Butcher.
Seated.—Ptes. Barron, Groves; Cpl. Knight; Sgt. Painter; L./Cpl. Jaques; Ptes. Dunsdon and Roberts.

vacuous void which rejoices in the name of mind.

How can he write when there is nothing to be written? Shall he tell of the amorous wanderings of Pony Othello, the Moor of Mill Hill, or of the other black man who sent to his Sergeant-Major an epistle of love? Or shall he, like the wells, springs and fountains, dry up within himself? No! He must steadfastly face the issue—his hand to the plough, his shoulder to the wheel, his nose to the grindstone, neither retiring nor advancing, but striving manfully forward. (An unemployed contortionist, it would seem.)

AMANUENSIS: "What drivels is this, Master? They who read it will say thou art stricken with the Thap of Deolalius."

MYSELF: "Hush, ingrate! The payment for my columns is seventeen drachmas the league. Are not as yet but nine cubits and a span filled? Peace, babblers; scribe on."

To the following were awarded ladles of silver for their prowess at the monthly games which follow the monthly Presidential meetings. These are now played on the

soft and silken magic carpet which was borne by slaves from the barren Plains of Ispahan. To Harry the Stitcher, to Karl the Kribber, and to the Great White Chief: In these games "Phat" is growing more and more popular, but even yet finds itself hard pressed to oust the ever popular Policemen's Pastime—swinging on a clubby spade. Phat, Charbi, or Atarah-wallah Pakarna is too well known to merit further digression, but the little Pony finds it simple to entrap the panch-bash, but is hardly tall enough to grasp the elusive eighteen.

Speaking of policemen brings to mind that on three occasions have we entertained the Force: twice in the flesh, when the Finchley Specials and the Edgware Cricket Club were actually there, but on the third occasion the Specials were with us in spirit only. (Search as we would, not a Guest could be *Fund*.) This was on Albuhera night, but, fortunately, a fund could be guessed, and successive toasts to our absent guests turned what might have been a fiasco into what proved a successful fiesta.

No ball was held here on the 16th May, but those who were present at the Albuhera Ball at Colchester returned with tales of a successful and pleasant evening.

On the "glorious 6th of June," at about 1500 hours, a party of some thirty strong who had partaken of an *al fresco lunch à la scramble*, brought about by a cessation of the drought at an inopportune moment, watched their horses, and as they did their hopes and hard-earned hackers took wings and flew. At 1600 and 1630 they experienced the same thrills, but the judicious manipulation of jig-saw wager cards in the last race put some on velvet. An impromptu social in the evening brought to a close a successful day.

We regret the loss of three of our fold. Firstly, Erni, Keeper of the King's Duff, Order of the Glory Hole, 1st Class, who has left us to face the cruel, cold outlook of civilian life; the sentiments expressed by the Great White Chief on the occasion of his presenting to Erni a silver watch as a memento of twenty-two years of ease, are those of us all. We wish him the best of luck and a cushy billet. Secondly, Huki the Walker, Order of the Glory Hole, 2nd Class, has left us for Woolwich, where "with twirling cane and twinkling eye, see his ribbons gaily fly" as he invites the youths of Kent to sample what he and Erni have left. Ginger Beaveridge has left us for the Battalion, but was not away too long before he, too, paid us a brief visit on recruiting duties. As newcomers, we welcome Frank Housden, the New Pounder of the Prince's Picrusts, and Herr Johann Griffin, to both our best wishes.

Doctor Brown, of the Snake and Tin Whistle Corps, has also left us for Woolwich, to be replaced, in more senses than one, by Tikky Hawes, whose avoirdupois rates him second, we think, by a mere milligram to Smudger. Imagine Smudger's bulk! Imagine Cupid, although blind, loosing a volley of shafts from his quiver. Little Dan scored a possible, and now Smudger has played his last match. Result:—Hearts, 2; United, 1.

Jammer Day "shot an arrow into the air" at the Sergeants' Mess Shoot, and "it fell to earth. I know not where," and thus he received the wooden spoon. At the other end of the list was the more

fortunate Dodger Green, who fired in Mackintosh, goloshes and umbrella.

To Sergt. Day we must extend our hearty congratulations on the birth of a daughter.

On Sports Day the Mess Relay Team showed the Depot a clean pair of heels, and Jim the Minstrel, he of the Ugly Face, showed some excellent times and judgment in the sprints. Coming events . . . (We notice the majority of his prizes were articles of household and domestic utility, so perhaps Cupid may have to fire another practice.)

On Old Comrades' Day a goodly party came down from the Battalion. We were glad to see them in the Mess at lunch time, but ports and portcullis dodgers at the dance somewhat restricted our view of them in the evening.

And so for the present we leave you.

P. R. C.

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

During the last quarter we have had a very busy time, but strange to relate, everyone has thoroughly enjoyed themselves. At the time of writing these notes, training is in full swing for the Depot Sports, and we are hoping that we shall be able to produce one or two dark horses, either in the running or field events.

We played the members of the St. Kilda's ex-Servicemen's Club at football, the result being two goals all. The same evening we held a dance which proved, as usual, to be a great success. On 29th April, members of the club, accompanied by their wives and future wives, spent a very enjoyable day at that well-known seaside resort—Southend. The women folk are now waiting for the next day out.

Through the means of handicaps we have discovered two members who, if their form does not desert them, stand a very good chance of obtaining the Snooker Championship of England. The names of these two members are Cpl. Bennett, winner of the handicap, and L./Cpl. Cordell, runner-up.

Congratulations! These we offer to Cpl. Knight on becoming the father of a bonny baby boy; to Cpl. Frewin on his appointment to Lance-Sergeant; and also

to L./Cpl. Grant on his promotion to Corporal.

We extend a hearty welcome to Cpl. Knights, L./Cpls. Parry and Lovell on their posting to the Depot for tours of duty, and we sincerely hope that they will enjoy their stay with us. By the time these notes are published, Cpl. Clarke will have left us to rejoin the 2nd Battalion. Dame Rumour has it that this N.C.O. is seriously thinking of settling down; in case this is correct, we will take this opportunity of being the first to wish him all the best of luck.

DEPOT CRICKET NOTES.

The members of the Depot Cricket Team have been kept busy since the middle of May. Apart from the normal Depot matches, they have had the responsibility of taking on the games, originally arranged as Officers' Club matches, practically with a Depot side. Excellent practice and experience for them, but hardly the best advertisement for our Regimental Cricket, and in view of the lack of support for these matches it is likely they will have to be dropped in future, in fairness to the opposition, unless these clubs are willing to continue the fixtures, despite the fact that our team will be to all intents and purposes a Depot side.

The departure of Lieut. Gilbert is a sad loss to our side, and but for the regular and valuable assistance of Capt. Worton, and very frequently of Capt. Clowes, we should have been in a poor way.

Despite the drought, the wicket has been playing very well, and the seeds in Hinton's gardens, in front of the pavilion, have come safely to maturity in spite of the habit of players and spectators early in the season to treat his beds as by-passes round the pavilion.

The situation as regards the out-field is not so good, as there has been no chance of the football ground recovering, and the scars from the new draining open wider daily rather than closing up; whilst the only form of vegetation which shows any signs of flourishing is a marvellous and uncontrollable crop of dandelions and plantains.

The season started auspiciously with a win against a War Office eleven brought

by Col. L. L. Hoare. This victory was largely due to an excellent 67 by Capt. Worton, and the bowling of Sergt. Kennett, who took 7 wickets for 38 runs.

Our second match at Mill Hill was against the Guards Depot. Winning the toss, Major Wollocombe elected to bat, but against the very steady bowling of Guardsmen Sparkes and Berry and Recruit Fielding, the Depot side collapsed, Major Wollocombe alone putting up any opposition, and were all out for 53.

The Guards replied with 143 for 9. The Depot then made 147 for 5, and the Guards made 66 for 5, to finish off a thoroughly enjoyable game, if not a great match.

On 27th May a XIXth London Regiment team visited us. This should have been an Officers' Club match, but actually we had to face them with, if anything, a weakened Depot side, and the result was a decisive loss in consequence.

On 30th May we had a great game versus Royal Fusiliers Depot. Neither side had any outside assistance, and winning the toss, we went in and scored 140. Pte. (Recruit) Speakes made a very promising 38, and should make a useful left-hand bat in a year or so with coaching.

The Fusiliers were dismissed for 139 with about a minute to go. An excellent 79 by Cpl. Peterson was the outstanding feature. The bowling honours were divided, Sergt. Kennett, Major Wollocombe, Dmr. Sewell and Pte. Speakes all claiming wickets.

Another Officers' Club match followed versus Hampstead, and for this match we were able to co-opt Capt. Franklin and his brother, Capt. Reid and ex-Pte. Winterburn. Hampstead made 222, the chief contributor being E. Skinner who, going in first, made 92, not out.

A fairly stiff breeze made bowling up the hill a thankless task, and it was a relief when Winterburn arrived at lunch time to tackle this. He had his reward in capturing the last three wickets. In reply we made 192, the Franklin brothers making 27 and 28, Major Procter 33, and Major Wollocombe 20, not out. It looked at one time as if we should succeed in making the runs, but Capt. Reid was bowled when he appeared about to make a long stay, and was followed by Major Procter a few balls later, when in a fit

of absent-mindedness, he turned a ball to short leg.

Against the R.A.F., Stanmore, a very depleted side lost by 4 wickets, making 85, to which the R.A.F. replied with 96, having made 90 for 7. Sergt. Kennett took 6 wickets for 35.

On 9th June, Col. McGregor Greer once more brought down an eleven who compiled 95, batting first. Kennett, on this occasion, took 6 for 14. The Depot made 182 for 4; Clowes 81, Worton 40, Kennett not out 35, Pilley not out 19. The opposition then made 44.

The next day, against the London Fire Brigade, we suffered another defeat. Capt. Worton alone made any runs, and we were all out for 70. The Fire Brigade then made 94. Kennett, on this occasion, took 6 wickets for 5 runs, bowling 11 maiden overs in 14.

On 13th June we visited South Hampstead (during their Cricket Week). Once more we masqueraded as an Officers' Club side, the only difference from our normal team being the substitution of Lieut. Sword, home on leave, for Major Wollocombe, who was engaged upon mountain warfare in Wales. Batting first, we made 125, Clowes and Sword making 24 and 21, and R.Q.M.S. Pilley 17. South Hampstead having made vast scores on the preceding days of the week were, we fear, somewhat disdainful of this meagre score. However, we succeeded in taking 5 of their wickets before they reached it, which was some satisfaction, and had them out for 198 in the end.

On the 14th, Capt. Worton lead the side against a team of Edgware Police, who scored 165. When stumps were drawn we had made 142 for 4, Capt. Worton making 39; Speakes another useful 22, and Sergt. Kennett 46, not out—almost the first time he has really got going with a bat this year.

The return match versus the Guards Depot might well have been a very poor affair. We made 96 (Procter 28 and Kennett 32), and the Guards had 6 wickets down for 85. Eventually they made 147. Sir John Child made 61 not out. Except for Sergt. Newling (27) and Sparkes (19), there were no other scores, and if a perfectly possible catch to point had been accepted soon after Sir John Child

started, the result might well have been very different. The Depot had another knock, making 90 for 1, Procter 42, not out, and L./Cpl. Blackman 35.

The bowling of Hughes and Berry for the Guards was very steady, as also was that of Kennett and Speakes; the former took his usual 6 wickets, but the latter was unfortunate, taking no wickets. During the afternoon the Band played, and added to an already very enjoyable day.

There is now only one match before Cricket Week, and then we start a very busy time in July and August, when we hope to improve upon our results.

So far, Sergt. Kennett has taken 50 wickets for 8.8 apiece, the next bowlers being Pte. Speakes and Major Wollocombe. In batting, Capt. Worton has made 251 for an average of 20, and has in addition, been a most useful wicket-keeper. Capt. Clowes has made 211 runs for an average of 23, and Major Procter 185 for an average of 26.

DEPOT SPORTS.

There will be plenty recorded elsewhere about the "scurvy" behaviour of the Clerk of the Weather during Cricket Week, but for his arrangements for Friday, the Depot Sports Day, we can have nothing but praise.

A fair morning steadily developed into a perfect afternoon, and for the first time the Band was able to play in the open without having to keep one eye cocked on the clouds. In short, everything in the garden was lovely.

If no records were broken, competition anyhow was keen, and support enthusiastic in the inter-squad events; whilst the less serious events served to produce all the amusement expected, and interest appeared well maintained throughout the day. Ladysmith were very worthy winners of the inter-squad shield followed closely by equally worthy runners-up in Suvla. Inkerman was third and El Bodon, fresh (or shall we say stale?) from leave, fourth.

Major Wollocombe, in his remarks before the prize distribution called attention to the value of careful preparation

and organization beforehand, and pointed out that practically every man is capable of making something of himself in some event or other, and that it is every man's duty to find out where his strength lies, and concentrate on that event.

If any evidence was necessary to support these remarks, the sports amply supplied it. It is unnecessary to mention any names in this respect as both in running and particularly in the field events, those who had trained and practised well and truly were obvious, even if in all cases they were not actually winners.

Various individual events were run off before the Sports Day, leaving the team and field events for the Friday. The results of all events are given below.

Of the sprinters, Nagle and Speakes proved to be the best. The former runs smoothly and appears to have more power than he yet knows how to use. By another year he should be able to get below 11 seconds. Speakes is the opposite of Nagle; he goes very hard, but is at present an untidy runner, with an ugly style, which handicaps him the harder he tries. With improved style he should also do well.

In addition to these two there are several recruits less well developed at present who should improve a lot in a year or so.

In the middle distances, Heather is at present on his own in power and style, and experience should make him into a good runner. Groves, Russell, Robinson, Sweetman, Jennings and Dibble all ran well, and from them we may later see Battalion runners appear. Procter, who won the 440, runs with great determination, and did much for his squad.

Sergt. Harper, by winning the open 220 and the Depot Staff 100 yards shows that he can still beat the fastest recruit.

The field events were disappointing; firstly because none produced their best form, and secondly because there were too many competitors merely put in to fill up their squad teams, and who had put in no previous training.

In the pole jump, Ptes. Procter and Dunsdon tied at 7 ft. 4 in. The former got his results by determination, whilst the latter has trained hard for a long time to get the right style, and will, if he

sticks to it, add a lot more to his results. Pte. Mann also should add a lot with practice. The weight produced no one from the recruits among the first three, and Cpl. Grant, though he is improving, did not with his 31 ft. 7 in., equal his best efforts in practice.

The Hammer was won by Cpl. Grant with 88 ft. At this event, also, he is improving, but has yet to master the foot work.

The Discus produced nothing outstanding, but Pte. Russell shows promise.

Pte. Lever won the Javelin with 113 ft. 7 in. With more experience he should be useful.

Nagle won the Long Jump fairly easily. He seems to jump 17½ ft. very consistently and one feels that he has a good two feet more in him.

Considering the conditions, 5 ft. by Cpl. Riches and 4 ft. 11 in. by Nagle and Butcher were very useful in the High Jump event.

The team events were interesting and well contested, and, perhaps, the best event was the last, the Mile Relay (4 x 440), which was an excellent race.

The less serious events were the usual sack race, at which Farrant is apparently the Depot expert, and the apple and bucket race, which caused its usual amount of mirth.

The Sergeants, this year, decided that running only provided an unequal contest and introduced an element of luck into their event, which ended in the first, there not being the winner by any manner of means, Sergt. Griffin being the winner.

The efforts of the Corporals to get the blindfolded recruits to go to the correct Corporal caused considerable amusement, and ended in a deluge of Corporals and recruits descending on the Commanding Officer in a heap!

The ladies this year had to sort out from a circle of recruits the one with a label with her name on it; having found him she then got him to light a cigarette for her, and rushed off to the winning post; or, as frequently happened, the lady was rushed by the recruit!

The Band event was changed to a form of musical chairs, and appeared to be a

popular change, at any rate from the spectators' point of view.

At the conclusion, the prizes, inter-mess shield and squad championship shield were presented by Mrs. Wollocombe, and the Paiba Cup was once more presented by the donor. On this occasion the winner was Pte. Groves, who, in the opinion of the judges, had had more to do with his squad's success than anyone else who had failed to win a first prize.

With that, an enjoyable day finished, and the ground hurriedly resumed its normal cricket ground appearance.

100 Yards, Recruits.—1, Pte. Nagle; 2, Pte. Speakes; 3, Pte. Barron.

40 Yards, Recruits.—1, Pte. Procter; 2, Pte. Groves; 3, Pte. Russell.

880 Yards, Recruits.—1, Pte. Heather; 2, Pte. Jennings; 3, Pte. Dibble.

One Mile, Recruits.—1, Pte. Heather; 2, Pte. Robinson; 3, Pte. Sweetman.

100 Yards, Depot Staff.—1, Sergt. Harper; 2, Sergt. Painter; 3, Cpl. Dujardin.

880 Yards, Depot Staff.—1, Cpl. Dujardin; 2, L./Cpl. Jaques; 3, Pte. Marshall.

220 Yards, Open.—1, Sergt. Harper; 2, Cpl. Dujardin; 3, Pte. Speakes.

High Jump.—1, Cpl. Riches; 2, Pte. Nagle; 3, Pte. Butcher.

Long Jump.—1, Pte. Nagle; 2, Cpl. Dujardin; 3, Pte. Clarke.

Pole Vault.—1, Pte. Procter; 2, Pte. Dunsdon; 3, Pte. Mann.

Discus.—1, Pte. Procter; 2, Pte. Russell; 3, Pte. Lever.

Javelin.—1, Pte. Lever; 2, Pte. Marshall; 3, Pte. Mullett.

Hammer.—1, Cpl. Grant; 2, Cpl. Harman; 3, Pte. Lever.

Weight.—1, Cpl. Grant; 2, Sergt. Harper; 3, Cpl. Harman.

Veterans' Race.—1, Sergt. Painter; 2, R.Q.M.S. Pilley; 3, Col. English.

Sergeants' Race.—1, Sergt. Griffin; 2, Sergt. Smith; 3, C.S.M. Anderson.

Corporals' Race.—1, L./Cpl. Jaques; 2, Cpl. Burgess; 3, Cpl. Knight.

Band Event.—1, Bdsn. Moggridge; 2, Bdsn. Hathaway; 3, Bdsn. Peters.

Ladies' Race.—1, Mrs. Hawes; 2, Miss Mullins; 3, Mrs. Green.

Sack Race.—1, Pte. Farrant; 2, Pte. Dunsdon; 3, Pte. Sugg.

Apple and Bucket.—1, Pte. Speakes; 2, Pte. Jennings; 3, Pte. Lawrence.

Boys' Race.—1, C. Kerswill; 2, R. Wollocombe; 3, Boy King.

Girls' Race.—1, Jean Anderson; 2, Jean Griffin; 3, B. Rogers.

MEMORIAL CHAPEL, SANDHURST.

THE WAR OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.1.

9th May, 1934.

DEAR SIR,

Might I venture to ask you to assist in the following matter?

As you may be already aware, there has been in existence for some time a scheme to extend and beautify the Chapel of the Royal Military College as a memorial to Sandhurst cadets who fell in the Great War, but unfortunately, the scheme has not yet come to full fruition owing to lack of funds. In consequence, the building is in an unfinished state and does not do credit to the great institution of which it is a part. Efforts are now being made to complete the Chapel. Recently an appeal for funds was made by the Commandant in a letter published in *The Times*, and I enclose a copy of this letter in the hope that you will be so good as to bring the matter to the notice of your readers in the next issue of your JOURNAL. It is felt that if the appeal is made widely known throughout the Army and among those interested in Army affairs, the sum of £10,000 required to complete the fabric of the Chapel will be obtained.

Yours faithfully,

A. J. MANSON.

The Editor, "The Die-Hards,"
The Middlesex Regiment,
The Barracks,
Mill Hill.

To the Editor of "The Times."

SIR,—May I beg the assistance of *The Times* to bring to notice the unfinished state of the memorial to Sandhurst cadets who fell in the Great War, and to appeal for funds to complete it?

The form which it was decided to give to the memorial was the enlargement of the College Chapel, together with, as the chief feature of the interior decoration, the recording upon marble panels by regiments of the names of the fallen officers. It had become a tradition at Sandhurst before the War that the names of all cadets who fell on active service should be inscribed upon the Chapel walls, but

the walls were already so covered that the inscription of the names of the 4,000 cadets who fell in the Great War would have been impossible. It was a question, therefore, of either building a new memorial chapel or enlarging the old one, and the latter alternative was chosen in order that there should be no break with the associations which the old chapel holds for so many generations of Army officers.

The method of enlargement adopted after much consideration was to place the new chapel across the original building, which would then become the centre of the whole structure, changing the orientation from south-east to north-east. The plans were those of Mr. A. C. Martin, F.R.I.B.A., who was on the staff of the College during the War.

The scheme of construction and interior decoration was an ambitious one, and although I hope that time will prove that it was not too ambitious for the great services to the Army and the nation which it is designed to commemorate, it could not be expected that the money to carry it out would be immediately subscribed. It has been necessary to proceed by stages as funds have become available.

The foundations were laid in the autumn of 1918; the new east end was completed in 1921, and in 1922 the central portion of the old chapel was reconstructed to conform to the new design. In 1924 a new organ was installed in the gallery of the old west end, the old organ being nearly worn out and its position unsuitable. There the work stopped. There remains the building of the west end, and it is to enable this final stage to be completed that this appeal is made.

Towards the £50,000 for which an appeal was made in 1916 the subscriptions received have amounted to £33,750, but of this nearly £19,000 was earmarked for memorial panels, etc., and in spite of a large contribution from College funds it has never been possible to complete the superstructure. The result is that this noble memorial remains unfinished, and not only is the beauty of the design seriously obscured, but the acoustic properties of the chapel are affected, and, further, a large number of regimental memorials cannot be erected in suitable

positions until the wall space and pillars of the west end are available.

The estimated cost of completing the fabric of the west end is £14,000 towards which there is in hand a sum of about £4,000, leaving £10,000 to be provided. I cannot think that this great nation will be so forgetful of the part played by Sandhurst in the War as to allow the memorial to her sons to go unfinished for want of this sum.

Field-Marshal His Royal Highness The Duke of Connaught, as senior Field-Marshal, is entirely in sympathy with this appeal, which he trusts may meet with a generous response. Subscriptions may be sent to me, or to the Secretary of the Memorial Fund at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, Camberley. For intending subscribers who would like fuller information about the progress of the memorial work which has been so unfortunately suspended there is a booklet prepared in 1922 and revised in 1924 which I shall be happy to send on application.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
R. S. MAY, *Major-General*,
Commandant,
Royal Military College,
Sandhurst, Camberley.

ELTHAM'S OLDEST SOLDIER.

*Reprinted from the "Eltham Times,"
2nd March.*

ELTHAM and Well Hall branch of the British Legion has reason to be proud of its oldest member, Mr. F. W. Ashby, who fought in the Zulu War in 1878-79, and celebrated his 79th birthday on Saturday.

Mr. Ashby resides at 19, Cobbett Road, and is Eltham's oldest soldier, with still vivid memories of the stirring campaigns he took part in. The Zulus, he said, were tremendous warriors and took a lot of beating. "We did it," he said, "but it was a hard tussle and we went through some very hard times, very often being with little or no food."

Fighting on tea and hard biscuits was no easy job, but the British soldier when up against it, sticks it, and generally gets through.

In these days this old soldier does a bit in his garden, and despite his great age, still takes part in British Legion parades.

A BIRTHDAY TALK.

He was vividly reminiscent on his birthday of his soldiering days, although some of them were well over half a century ago.

Sitting in his armchair near the fire, Mr. Ashby let his mind go back to the old home at Tonbridge, where he was born.

"I joined the Army," he said, "in October, 1873, at the age of 18, and served six years with the Colours and six in the First Class Reserve. In the Zulu War I was with the 57th Foot Regiment, the famous Die Hards, now called the Middlesex Regiment, whose Depot is at Mill Hill."

This old soldier occasionally goes over there for old times' sake.

"Lord Chelmsford," he continued, "was in command. Our objective was Eshowe, where 800 of our troops, the 3rd Buffs and 91st Old Foot, under Colonel Pearson, were hemmed in by Zulus. After a terrific fight we defeated them, and Colonel Pearson was relieved. They were on the point of starvation at the time, and had been on a quarter allowance. When we arrived they had only enough food for another week."

CAPTURE OF CETEWAYO.

Mr. Ashby recalled how a British force was annihilated at Isandhlwana on 22nd January, 1879; and recalling how "we were avenged" in the final fight when the Zulus were defeated at Ulundi, he said: "There were 20,000 Zulus in that fight on 4th July, 1880, but Lord Chelmsford and his troops won, and Cetewayo, the Zulu King, was captured by Sir Garnet Wolseley, afterwards Lord Wolseley, who superseded Lord Chelmsford. He brought out the thanks of Queen Victoria to her brave troops."

The capture of Cetewayo was a thrilling piece of work by a scouting party of cavalry, who were searching for him.

"We hemmed him into a corner," said the old soldier, "and he got into a cave. We sent him a message calling upon him to surrender. He sent back and invited Major Marten to come into the cave, but

he was warned he might not come out alive, so did not go. We again sent to tell him to come out and threatened to smoke him out. We began to do that and he then came out with his five wives, children and attendants."

Mr. Ashby said the Zulu King disdained to ride in a camp wagon, but his wives and children did.

"He walked back to Ulundi, the bugle sounded cease fire, and the war was over, and we sent him under a strong escort to Cape Town."

Mr. Ashby recalls reading some time later of the sudden death of Cetewayo.

DEATH OF PRINCE IMPERIAL.

He was twelve miles away from the spot where the Prince Imperial of France was killed in June, 1879. "We were digging trenches at the time, and Lord Chelmsford had 21 guns fired in honour of the Prince's death. We did not see him, but went to the spot where he was killed."

This event recalls the memorable historical association with Camden House, Chislehurst, of the exiled Royal Family of the French at this time. Following the death of the young Prince, the inhabitants of Chislehurst erected the familiar Runic Cross of granite to his memory on the Common opposite Camden House.

JOINED UP AT 58.

When the Boer War broke out Mr. Ashby was 43. "They told me I was too old to serve," he said, "but I was not too old at 58 for the Great War!"

He joined the R.A. at Woolwich and volunteered for coast defence. He served in a battery on the banks of the Thames below Gravesend, and had some exciting times during enemy air-raids. Then in January, 1916, with a sergeant and eight men, he was sent to Horfield Barracks, Bristol, to strengthen the staff under the Lord Derby Scheme, which had shortly before come into force.

"Food rationing," he said, "had become necessary, and I was appointed gardener, and for two seasons we grew all sorts of vegetables for the troops. So I think I did my bit in two campaigns, serving for fifteen years altogether."

He was 63 when discharged after the Armistice, and at 79 years of age to-day looks like going on for many more years.

WORK FOR DISCHARGED SOLDIERS.

THE WAR OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.1.

17th May, 1934.

DURING the six months ending 31st March, 1934, 967 soldiers completed courses of instruction at the Army Vocational Training Centres. Of these, immediate employment was found for 729, and 160 students who had left in previous months were also placed in employment.

These courses, at which soldiers about to leave the Army receive training in civil trades, include: building construction, bricklaying, carpentry, cabinet-making, French polishing, wood-machinists, concrete work, handyman, painting and decorating, coach-painting, plumbing (general), plastering and tiling, acetylene welding, electrical wiring, fitting and turning, motor mechanism, boot-repairing, upholstery, private service, general farming, dairy farming, pig farming, poultry farming, market gardening, gardener-chauffeur, groundsman.



7th BATTALION NOTES.

WE have just passed through one of the worst droughts on record, and while it lasted we naturally thought that perhaps the heavens were reserving a supply of moisture to give us an even worse drenching in camp than that which we experienced a few years ago, when the boys sang: "It ain't going to rain no more," with such desperate irony and repetition that the song became stale and we prayed for the weather to become as dry as the tune. However, the drought has been shelved—like the Loch Ness mystery, and we hope the skies will weep in torrents at its departure, and then—that we shall camp, in a blaze of sunshine, away beside the rolling Sussex Downs.

By far the most important function since our last contribution to the JOURNAL has been our Annual Prize Distribution, which took place on 7th April. We were particularly fortunate this year in having Lieut.-General C. Bonham-Carter, C.B.,

C.M.G., D.S.O., Director General, Territorial Army, to give away our prizes.

After the Commanding Officer's review of the year's work the Director General presented the prizes, and in the course of a most interesting speech which he made, following the distribution, General Bonham-Carter referred to the enormous responsibilities which are now thrown upon the Territorial Army, and the confidence which was reposed in the T.A. to discharge those responsibilities if the necessity arose. He referred to the way in which our Army and Navy had been reduced to the lowest possible strength since the Great War, and how, in consequence, the burden of responsibility for the land defence of this country now rested upon the Territorial soldier. He said, in conclusion, that in the future, great demands may have to be made on those serving in the Territorial Army, and if the 7th Battalion are asked to undertake more work, he felt sure they would not fail this country in the future as they did not fail her in the past.

In thanking General Bonham-Carter for distributing the prizes, the Mayor of Hornsey (Councillor W. J. Grimshaw) made a special appeal to all employers in the neighbourhood to give their men time off for the summer camp. "I am quite confident," he declared, "the period which these men spend in camp will be of benefit to the employers as well."

Col. E. J. King, C.M.G., T.D., D.L., A.D.C., Honorary Colonel, seconded the proposal.

In acknowledging the applause which greeted the passing of the resolution, General Bonham-Carter remarked that he always regarded the Territorial Army as the link between professional soldiers and citizens. He said that when Lord Haldane organized the Territorial Army, he wisely linked it up with the ordinary civilian, and in so doing he went a long way towards bridging the gap which always existed in the past between the professional soldier and the country itself.

We might add that the Prize Distribution was a great success, and we feel sure that all those who attended, thoroughly enjoyed themselves. There is, however, one point which was more noticeable this year than last, and that was the number

of serving N.C.O.s. and men who did not take the trouble to change into uniform for this occasion. Apart from our Annual Training in camp, the Annual Prize Distribution is one of the very few occasions in the year when our uniforms get an airing, and we feel that if more N.C.O.s. and men were to take the trouble they could quite easily comply with the special request which is always made on this occasion, and appear in uniform.

Before concluding our remarks on the Prize Distribution, we feel we must congratulate D Company on winning the Clay Memorial Shield, which is awarded to the most efficient Company in the Battalion. There can be no doubt whatever that this was well earned, and we congratulate all concerned in bringing to a conclusion one of the most successful years the Company can have experienced since its formation.

On 16th April D Company scored another success for the Battalion. This time it was in connection with the Brigade Winter Weapon Training Competition. Their shooting on this occasion was remarkable; and the Lewis Gun team also put up a very fine show.

On Whit Monday our Transport Section acquitted themselves well at the Ealing Horse Show. A team consisting of one G.S. wagon, two limbers and two riders was entered for the class open to Transport Sections of T.A. Infantry Units, and we are glad to be able to record a further success, for on this occasion we won the cup which is awarded to the Unit gaining the highest points. We also took part in a similar event at the Richmond Horse Show, but here the competition was much stiffer, and, whilst we did not win, we feel that we obtained valuable experience and "tips" for the future. In preparing for both these Shows the Transport Section put in a tremendous amount of extra work; so much so, in fact, that we wondered at one time whether some of them had not moved their places of residence into the transport shed. We are extremely glad that they were rewarded for their hard work, and we only hope that next year they may do even better.

The Battalion Rifle Meeting was held at Rainham in beautiful weather on 3rd June. The detailed results will be found elsewhere in these notes. We would, how-

ever, like to convey to A Company our congratulations on their success. It was a wonderful effort, and one which caused a certain amount of surprise in some quarters. It was achieved as a result of good team work on the part of all concerned, and no one can begrudge them their success on this notable occasion.

The Annual Competition for the "Lady Regnart" Cup took place at Headquarters on 7th June. Once again we were successful in retaining the cup, for we beat the 19th London Regiment by 92 points. The detail of the scores made on this occasion will be found elsewhere.

Before concluding these notes we should like to congratulate C.S.M. Jones on his promotion, and to say how sorry we are that he has had to leave us on gaining this promotion. During the time that he has been with the Battalion he has been most hard-working; he was most popular with the Support Company, where he did duty, and has earned the goodwill of all ranks. We wish him the best of luck in his new surroundings, and hope he will carry away pleasant memories of his time with this Battalion.

BATTALION RIFLE MEETING.

The following were the results of competitions held during the Battalion Rifle Meeting at Rainham on Sunday, 3rd June:—

Arnold White Cup (Inter-Company Rifle Match).—1, A Company, 367; 2, B (S.) Company, 348; 3, D Company, 326; 4, H.Q. Wing, 292; 5, C Company, 271.

Hornsey Vase (Inter-Company Lewis Gun Match).—1, A Company, 166; 2, D Company, 142; 3, B (S.) Company, 126; 4, C Company, 166; 5, H.Q. Wing, 84.

Volunteer Cup (Inter-Company Young Soldiers' Match).—1, D Company, 280; 2, A Company, 232; 3, B (S.) Company, 200; 4, C Company, 131.

Inter-Sub-Section Machine Gun Competition.—1, No. 3 Sub-Section, 257; 2, No. 2 Sub-Section, 250; 3, No. 1 Sub-Section, 236; 4, No. 4 Sub-Section, 224.

Inter-Company Falling Plate Competition.—B (S.) Company.

Officers' Cup.—1, Capt. R. Bartram, 47; 2, Capt. G. C. D. Scott Lowe, 43; 3, Capt. A. K. Johnson, 36.

W.O.s' and Sergeants' Cup.—1, Sergt. Endersby, A Company, 62; 2, Sergt. McNally, H.Q. Wing, 56; 3, Sergt. Wrangles, B (S.) Company, 53.

Marksmen's Cup.—1, L./Cpl. Gilbey, H.Q. Wing, 57; 2, Pte. Coomber, D Company, 54; 3, L./Cpl. Valentine, C Company, 53.

Lewis Gunners' Cup.—1, Cpl. Bundy, D Company, 36; 2, Cpl. Edwards, A Company, 34; 3,

L./Cpl. Batchelor, A Company, and L./Cpl. Starr, B (S.) Company, 32.
Enfield Cup (Young Soldiers)—1, Pte. Matthewman, D Company, 49; 2, Pte. Sutton, C Company, 42; 3, Pte. Watts, A Company, 42.
Lee Memorial Shield (awarded to Company making best aggregate scores in Inter-Company Rifle, Lewis Gun and Young Soldiers' Matches)—A Company, 705.

"LADY REGNART" CUP COMPETITION.

The detailed scores in the Competition for the "Lady Regnart" Cup are as follows:—

7TH BN. THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.				
	Application (200/25).	Snap.	Application (500/25).	Total
C.S.M. Thomas ...	37	27	36	100
Capt. Bartram ...	38	27	33	98
Sergt. Edwards ...	36	24	37	97
L./Cpl. Tassell ...	34	24	31	89
L./Cpl. Clark ...	38	24	25	87
L./Cpl. Heard ...	35	21	25	81
Totals ...	218	147	187	552

19TH BN. THE LONDON REGIMENT.				
C.S.M. Hogan ...	34	21	33	88
Sergt. Page ...	33	12	36	81
Pte. G. H. Smith ...	37	12	27	76
Pte. Bates ...	34	12	28	74
Pte. T. Wright ...	36	12	25	73
Cpl. Hatton ...	29	18	21	68
Totals ...	203	87	170	460

H.Q. WING.

By the time these notes appear in print we shall be under canvas at Falmer. This is being written early in June, and from now on we are concentrating on preparing for Annual Training. By the way things are shaping, we should have an exceptionally good muster in camp.

Since our last journalistic efforts were written, the Company has featured in many events. On Thursday, 31st May, the Band, performed with credit at the opening, by His Majesty the King, of Shenley Hospital.

We have to congratulate L./Cpl. Gilbey on winning the Corporals' Cup at the Battalion Rifle Meeting held at Rainham on 3rd June. This is a very good effort, and we hope that many years go by before H.Q. lose this trophy. Sergt. McNally is also deserving of praise for getting second place in the competition for the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Cup.

In connection with the Rifle Meeting

we have to applaud the splendid performances put up by A Company in winning nearly every competition.

Before finishing with Rainham, we have to give the clerk of the weather a pat on the back for his little effort.

The Battalion was represented at the Ealing Horse Show on 21st May, and our Transport Section had a very successful day. They won the challenge cup presented for obtaining the highest points, were given a "special" for the G.S. wagon entry, and notched up three other firsts.

At the time of writing, the Richmond Horse Show is still to come. We wish Lieut. Gliksten and the Transport Section the best of luck in their competition on the 16th June. This particular competition is for infantry transport, open to units of the Territorial Army, and we have been given to understand that the number of entries is particularly good.

The results of the classification of signallers, held at Mill Hill on 2nd April, were very satisfactory, and the remarks of the classifying officer, to the effect that our signallers could be favourably compared with signallers of the Regular Army, should be very cheering to the next batch of men who go up to Mill Hill for classification on 24th June.

We welcome Cpl. Hawkins, who is attached to us from the 2nd Battalion, to assist the Signallers' Cadre Course, and we hope that when he eventually returns to Colchester he will take back happy memories of the hard work he has put in for us.

The Drums commemorated Albuhera Day by beating "Retreat" in Priory Park on 16th May. By the crowds who watched them, we come to the conclusion that their performance was much appreciated.

There are current rumours flying about that we were unable to pay the rent for our old Company office. Anyway, early in June the brokers were in and—we were out.

H.Q. Wing have now moved to more palatial premises upstairs, where we are gradually making ourselves very comfortable.

We have to congratulate the Signalling Officer on his powers of observation and ability for scrounging furniture.

On 21st June a party from the Company will go down to see the Tattoo at Aldershot by motor-coach, and those who have been lucky enough to secure seats are looking forward to the outing.

Before concluding our notes, we offer our congratulations to Lieut. Addis and Cpl. Ell on their recent marriages, and we wish them the best of luck on their matrimonial ventures.

A COMPANY.

As we write, we can hear drifting from the direction of the canteen the sound of (alleged) singing, the reason for which dirges is that we have, at the Battalion Rifle Meeting on 3rd June, done very well. In addition to winning the Lee Memorial Shield for the Inter-Company Combined Shoot, our teams were successful in the Arnold White Cup (High Sheriffs) and the Hornsey Vase (Lewis Gun), while our Young Soldiers' team was second to D Company in that competition. In the individual events, Capt. Bartram and Sergt. Endersby won the Officers' and Sergeants' Cups respectively. Congratulations are due to D Company for winning the Young Soldiers' Cup, and to B (S.) Company for the Falling Plate Competition—a new one for all of us, and in which the efforts of this Company require a heavy veil to be drawn. C Company saw to this.

In the Battalion Cross-Country Run, D Company were successful, with ourselves a close second. Cpl. Bundy, of D Company, and Pte. Morse, A Company, are to be congratulated on coming in first and second respectively. Our Company runners put in a lot of practice under 2/Lieut. Jefferson, and they are now bemoaning the loss of Morse to the Regular Army.

We were able, with the kind co-operation of Lord Trenchard, to hold another dance on the 21st April. This was an even greater success than the previous one, and we noted that Sergeants from other Companies came to mock and stayed to cheer. "Chilly" Carter looked just the stuff in a Scotch cap.

Finally, we should like to express a wish for sincere happiness to Lieut. Addis on his removal to the blessed state, and—leaping from the ridiculous to the sublime—hope that this year's Camp will be a record one in every way.

B (S.) COMPANY.

Once more we commence this thankless task of chronicling our doings for the past quarter. Things have been happening lately which will cause these notes to be chiefly expressions of congratulation. First, we will deal with matters military.

Training has been going on very much as usual, everybody trying to do at least three things at once, in preparation for Annual Training. This, we may say, is quite the normal life of the T.A. soldier just prior to Camp. He is expected to represent the Company in one or more competitions at the Battalion and Brigade Rifle Meetings, which entails much practice beforehand, take Section Leaders or Runners' Courses, attend sand-table lectures, together with the usual routine duties. Really, it is wonderful how we thrive on it all!

At the Battalion Rifle Meeting we did quite well for Support Company, collecting the cup for the Falling Plate Competition, and holding good places in the other competitions. We offer our most sincere congratulations to Capt. Bartram and A Company on winning the Lee Memorial Shield. They deserved it.

In the last issue, the scribe of C Company referred to our Company Commander's "second best" car as a "cement mincer." We have not heard of this machine, but rather think the "ignorant hass" meant "mixer." However, let it pass! The said car has now changed garages, and we believe the O.C. H.Q. Wing uses it as a "hay reaper" for his Transport Section. There is a rumour that it will shortly change hands again, and be used by the Signalling Officer as a generating station for his section. There seems to be keen competition to "rally round the standard." A pity some of the young men in our area do not follow this lead and so help to bring us up to strength.

Some time ago we had the pleasure of entertaining the local Police Force to a social evening. Badminton, darts, billiards, back-chat and beer seemed to pass the evening all too quickly, and it was mutually agreed to hold another such function early in the Autumn.

A party went to the Tattoo again this year, and although at the time of writing they have not yet gone, we believe we

can safely say that everyone had an enjoyable time.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to C.S.M. and Mrs. Jones on the birth of Kathleen Julie—the score is now one all, C.S.M. Jones on his recent promotion—no Sergeant more richly deserved it; our Signalling Officer, Lieut. Addis, on his recent marriage, and we wish them both many years of happiness; Lieut. Catt—our Pussie—on attaining years of discretion, and C.S.M. Thomas for making top score in the “Lady Regnart” Cup.

It is with the greatest regret that we have had to say “good-bye” to C.S.M. Jones and his family. Owing to his promotion he has had to return to the 2nd Battalion at Colchester before his tour of duty expired. In wishing him “God speed” we also say “Thank you” for the enormous amount of work he has put in during his all-too-brief stay with us. We know we have the whole of the Company behind us when we say that not within living memory has any P.S.I. of the Company been so efficient in his duty or more popular with all ranks.

We welcome in C.S.M. Jones's place Sergt. Ramsey and his wife, and hope they will find us a pleasant crowd to spend a few years with. By the time this is in print our new P.S.I. will have had time to settle down and know something about our faults and virtues, if any.

We will close by hoping that you are reading these notes, if any reader gets as far as this, and having a jolly good time in Camp at Falmer.

C COMPANY.

The Battalion Rifle Meeting proved rather a dismal day for us, as all the Company teams failed to do anything outstanding. However, L./Cpl. Valentine and Pte. Sutton managed to stave off complete disaster, Valentine being third in the Marksmen's Cup and Sutton second in the Young Soldiers' Competition.

Our duty strength is rather depleted at the moment, owing to a number of men being on the Section Leaders' Cadre Course and a Course for Runners. 2/Lieut. Catt has been transferred to D Company, and Sergt. Porter has taken his discharge, thus adding to our troubles. Our inflow of recruits is rather slower

than last year, so that the situation does not look like improving at the moment.

We have our usual shower of congratulations to hand out. Firstly, L./Cpl. Hall, whose family strength has increased by one. Secondly, to Pte. J. Doolan on his marriage, and finally to L./Cpls. Nation, Crampton, Buckingham and Berry on their recent appointments.

These notes are necessarily short owing to the fact that H.Q. Wing now have their own office, and, as they are moving from ours, every available man is employed watching everything that is not firmly nailed down.

D COMPANY.

We hope that all members of the Company are enjoying their stay under canvas—the grandest time in the year. The road to and from Brighton must be well known by now, no map reading or compass bearing being necessary. We also trust that the weather and the beer are as good as last year, and that the Company “mugs” are not rattling unduly in their haversacks. At the time of going to press our pint-lowering team are training hard for the inter-company contest. We hope this will take place after the Warner Drill Cup



**D COMPANY
YOUNG SOLDIERS' TEAM.
Winners, 1934.**

Competition, when thirsts are large and long, but, in any case, may the largest gulpers win!

We have the usual tale of successes and failures to report again. Firstly, the Bri-

gade Winter Weapon Training Competition, which we had the good fortune to win back for the Battalion from the 8th, who stole a march on us last year. Team work was the key-note of our success this year, for every man pulled his weight, with the result that a really fine score was achieved. The following are the details:—

RIFLE TEAM (H.P.S. 45).			
Cpl. Allinson	...	...	43
Cpl. Bundy	...	...	43
L./Cpl. Tassell	...	...	45
L./Cpl. Taylor	...	...	39
L./Cpl. Oxley	...	...	38
Pte. Coomber	...	...	43
Pte. W. Wood	...	...	40
Pte. Binhammer	...	...	43
Pte. Payne	...	...	38

Figure of merit, 91.67 per cent.

LEWIS GUN TEAM (H.P.S. 105).			
L./Cpl. Morley	...	...	102½
L./Cpl. Stratford	...	...	95½
L./Cpl. Fuller	...	...	92
Pte. Loxton	...	...	102
Pte. Levett	...	...	92½
Pte. Blundell	...	...	103½
Pte. E. Wood	...	...	102
Pte. Russell	...	...	91½
Pte. A. Desborough	...	...	99½

Figure of merit, 97.55 per cent.

The Brigade Commander complimented the teams on their turn-out, which was quite first-class.

The result of our efforts in the past year was evinced at the Battalion Prize-giving, when two-thirds of the trophies came our way, including the coveted Efficiency Shield. We should like to see other Companies lift their share next year, but we warn them that they will have to fight hard, as we do not intend to let any go unless a really “rare” feat is put up against us.

A very popular event was Easter Camp at Rainham, when our recruits showed their first enthusiasm for musketry. At the Battalion Rifle Meeting our Young Soldiers' Team again carried the field with the excellent score of 280. We hope by the time these notes appear to have won this event at the Brigade Meeting for the fifth year in succession. Congratulations to A Company on winning the Lee Memorial Shield, beating us by the narrow margin of 17 points. Cpl. Bundy and Pte. Matthewman shot very well to win the Lewis Gunners' Cup and Enfield Cup (best Young Soldiers' score).

Saturday, 14th April, was a hectic day

for some. Our cross-country experts confounded the critics by covering the Battalion course in better time than usual, and it was a good sight to see our blue vests well up at the “kill” (or “finish,”



**D COMPANY
LEWIS GUN TEAM, 1934.**

as some call it). Cpl. Bundy (first) and Pte. R. Evans (fourth) were our stars, whilst the other stalwarts all contributed to pull off this event for the Company. In the evening, the Sergeants held their Annual Dinner, to which all officers were invited. A really rollicking evening was spent, “Keep it clean” being the password, although a lot of murky-looking liquid was poured down willing throats. C.Q.M.S. Badham, of C Company, obliged, as usual, with “Right in the Middle of the Road,” and it is to be deplored that one or two of the members followed his advice when groping their way home.

On the following Saturday, Capt. Scott Lowe and Cpl. Bundy ran for the Battalion in the Divisional Cross-Country Race at Sevenoaks. Whilst the team, as a whole, did not do as well as last year (when we were runners-up), our two representatives improved on their previous performances, and were first and third home for the Battalion.

We cannot let this opportunity pass without complimenting C.S.M. Tibble on the appearance of our Drill Hall these days. There is a large prize waiting for the man who can scrub out the hall in under six hours—an indication of the work involved in keeping the premises spick and span.

Mr. Catt joined us just before camp, and we shall soon be hearing from him



D COMPANY
HIGH SHERIFF'S TEAM, 1934.

in many directions. He has not as yet obliged us with his "Camel song," but, even so, we hope he will settle down and enjoy his time with the Company. Congratulations to him on his promotion, and also to all N.C.Os. who have recently hoisted further stripes.

8th BATTALION NOTES.

H.Q. WING.

SINCE the last issue of these notes we have had a change of Company Commanders. Major Ellis, owing to other work in the Battalion, has handed over to Lieut. Miskin, who has recently joined us from A Company. We wish Major Ellis the very best of luck in his new sphere.

On April 23rd we held our Annual Prize-Giving, which was very successful and which ended up with a well-attended dance. We were fortunate in having the Mayoress of Heston and Isleworth to present the prizes, attended by the Mayor, Lieut.-Col. Parmeter, Miss Parmeter, Major Ellis, Mrs. Ellis, Capt. Reid, Capt. and Mrs. Maddex, Capt. Hartley and other Officers of the Battalion were present, together with a number of other guests.

We really have very little to report on military activities this quarter, but the Rifle Platoon has been, as usual, very energetic.

We regret that C.S.M. Findell has left us due to age limit. We hope that we will not lose sight of him in the future.

TRANSPORT.

This Section had a very enjoyable and instructive period of training at Ruislip during Easter. This was of great benefit and was thoroughly enjoyed by all ranks.

Sergt. Eyles has now left the Section, and Cpl. Cooper has taken over.

The Drill Hall will be open on Thursdays, as well as Tuesdays, in order to encourage keenness.

SIGNALS.

2/Lieut. McFarlane is attending a five-weeks' course at the London District School of Instruction.

The Section sent eighteen men to Colchester during Easter, where much useful work was done. We are indebted to the 2nd Battalion for the instruction we obtained and for their hospitality. The works should prove very beneficial in view of the Classification on 24th June.

2/Lieut. McFarlane is to be congratulated on obtaining a "Distinguished" at the London District School of Instruction Signalling Course.

A COMPANY (HAMPTON).

There are a number of things to note since the last issue.

Firstly, we are very sorry to lose Lieut. Miskin, who has gone to take over command of Headquarter Wing. May we offer our heartiest congratulations? We welcome, in his stead, 2/Lieut. Summers, and hope that his stay with us will be much longer than when he was last here. We also welcome 2/Lieut. Hamilton, who has been with us unofficially for some time, and who has now been gazetted and posted to us.

We have several good recruits, and our parade numbers are increasing very encouragingly. Certain companies will have to look to their laurels if they want to keep the cups they have won from us.

We have installed several games, and had a very enjoyable evening when B Company came over and, unfortunately, beat us at nearly all our games on our own ground. They took back to Ealing with them a very valuable trophy, made, we must confess, not of silver, but of wood and tinfoil.

We have unearthed six trophies which have not seen the light of day for some years. They are, however, going to be awarded this year for their respective purposes.

A Monthly Shoot has been carried out on the miniature range, and a spoon has been awarded each month. A cup, given on the total score, was won by Cpl. Owen, whom we should like to congratulate on a very noble score.

The social side is picking up again, and keeps on improving. May our bartakings do likewise.

B (S.) COMPANY (EALING).

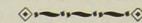
Spring brings out everything in new and gay colours. Perhaps that is why Sergts. Bartlett and Woodman, L./Sergt. Evans and Cpl. Crump have all appeared with new stripes on their arms. Whatever the reason, we raise the hand of congratulation one inch above the right eyebrow of promotion. We are sure they have earned it.

Bisley has started in a blaze of sunshine, and we have had two good parades. Both of them had their excitement. On the first day we shared a range with the London Rifle Brigade. Even though they were practising for the Dewar Trophy, we value our lives too much to sit quietly at the 400 yards firing point whilst a team of enthusiastic, but inexperienced amateurs were blazing away at 600 yards. The second day was remarkable for the speed with which we got through the day's details. By 1.30 p.m. all our details had fired, and we sat down to a well-earned rest to watch the Rifles and Lewis gunners toil through the heat of the afternoon.

Easter Training, from our point of view at any rate, was a success, and the progress made was remarkable. We only hope that the success of Sergt.-Major Nash's demonstrations will not lead to our being charged Entertainment Tax. The parade was well attended, and was worth quite a lot from the point of view of recruiting.

Camp is on the way, and all authority is beginning to look very worried, which looks as if we shall have a good time at Falmer. P.S. Someone (who should know) said to us the other day,

"They are dead, but they won't lie down." We cannot quite fathom the meaning of this somewhat cryptic remark, unless he caught sight of an extremely rash and ill-considered challenge issued by A Company in their last note. But, even if they won't lie down, we very much enjoyed their hospitality, and we join with Mae West in bidding them "Come and see us sometime."



9th BATTALION NOTES.

ONCE again it happens that there is very little news of interest to report. Nevertheless, the work of the Battalion goes on unconcerned, except with a very passing interest in the side-shows, always keeping in mind our main object of maximum efficiency and *esprit de corps*.

Musketry continues to hold first place among our efforts towards improvement, and at the Battalion Rifle Meeting, held at Rainham on 16th June, it was evident that, eventually, hard work and perseverance will be justly rewarded. New and younger faces appeared in the Company teams, and every encouragement is to be given to these "dead eyes" of the future, especially by the old stagers, whom they will sooner or later displace.

Albuhera Day passed off quietly and pleasantly. A Company provided a Guard-Mounting Display, the Drums performed on the Square, while glasses were raised with becoming decorum to the accompaniment of soft, sweet music by the Band. Even the Concert Party was in good taste, and no one left the Drill Hall on that evening but feeling a better man than when he entered it. (The writer is forced to admit that he himself was prevented, by a temporary indisposition, from being present on that occasion. He is, however, acquainted with the facts.)

By the time these words appear in the luxury of print, we shall be at Falmer. Many of us have been there before and remember the beauty of the Downs, the soft, velvety loveliness of a gentle slope down to the sea, the glory of an August moon reflected across the water, the succulence of the beer, and, perhaps, one

or two other things that we had better not mention in these columns. We are all going again this year.

Major Sherwood is now our official cine-photographer, and is engaged in taking films of Regimental interest at his own expense. The first batch, shown in private the other day, revealed that he possessed an uncanny camera technique that is usually the prerogative of a professional. There is unlimited scope for this activity, and we await the results with interest.

H.Q. WING.

Having been informed that these simple, harmless notes must in future be submitted to a censor, we had intended to commence with a few carefully-phrased sentences about the perils of a Dictatorship, but unfortunately a sadder duty falls to our pen, the task of reporting that Sergt. Smith has left us—time expired.

However, we call him to mind, and he had many different spheres. We shall regard his loss as irreparable to the Wing. Versatility was his greatest asset, and we remember how he graduated from Pioneer to Caterer, and from Caterer back to Pioneer. He was a good Pioneer-Sergeant, but in whatever light we remember him, whether as a quick-fire comedian, a high priest of the rites of bucket and shovel, or a skilled raconteur detailing vivid events of his adventurous youth, we shall be poignantly aware of his loss. The Sergeants' Mess takings will probably reflect the same message, and we shall remember the days when men were men, etc.

We are fortunate in having a worthy successor in Cpl. (Sergt.) Maggs, and may rest assured that the comfort of the troops will continue to be the high endeavour of that department.

The Transport are to be congratulated on gaining further successes at the Ealing Horse Show this year. Few can appreciate the difficulties and hard work attached to this competition, which meant that our drivers had to work all day and all Sunday night to be in readiness for Whit Monday. A worthy effort.

IN VINO VERITAS.

9TH BATTALION OLD COMRADES.

Having been asked to subscribe to these pages for the first time, and at short notice, our first appearance will have to be a brief one, but I feel it would be incomplete without a word of thanks to whoever is responsible for the invitation. On behalf of the O.C.A. I tender thanks, and can assure the Editor that we appreciate the offer.

Recently we have been a much misunderstood body. For instance, some remarks were made by a lady that we could not take beer into the butts when we were marking on a recent Sunday. Coming from the butts at the end of the day we were greeted with further remarks about the quantity of beer consumed. I would explain now that we could and did take beer to the butts, we did consume some, and that it was not too bad, but I must point out that we had beer only because we had for weeks been implored to "Use Less Water." Although many of us would have preferred water, our worthy secretary, who is always a patriotic little gentleman, decided to chance our wrath and give us beer. I hope this explanation will clear the air and that we shall get the reward due to us for our patriotic motives.

Some of us were invited to a cinema performance the other night, in which we appeared on the screen. When this film is in the "General Release" I feel certain of two things. The first is that Major Sherwood will be invited to take over the Stoll Company, and the second that a certain Colonel will be kept busy entertaining the people who will "Come up and see me sometime."

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A COMPANY.

The most important event of the past quarter has been our Whitsun week-end at Aston, to which we went 55 strong, including range-takers from B (S.) Company and Signallers. Aston is no relation of Aston Villa. It is in a part of Hertfordshire—so uncivilized in fact that our bus would not go there, and we had to walk the last two miles—beg pardon, we mean march, of course, being true Die-Hards. Anyway, the result of our walk

or march was that we promptly did justice to the quantities of food, grub and other comestibles which the "Q" Department skilfully produced as soon as we arrived—and which they kept on producing at frequent intervals throughout our stay in a way on which we really must congratulate them.

After tea the N.C.O.s. did some digging practice, with the book held in the left hand—the great idea being, as our C.S.M. explained, to swing the pick-axe with vigour, but not with such vigour as to get the C.S.M.'s kidneys on the back strokes if he is your next-door neighbour.

Next day we all dug trenches for ourselves, and soon found that that chap was wrong who said "There's nothing like iron," because the ground at Aston is. We must say, though, that Sergt. Impey amazed all beholders by the masterly way in which he dug himself down about half way to Australia in record time. Meanwhile our Section of Shock Troops (the shock came in when they found how much they had got to dig) showed their usual skill and resource by camouflaging themselves as a gooseberry bush indistinguishable from the real thing at 200 yards range, even to the expert eye.

When the "war" started we found the whole thing was about the crossings of the River Beane. Some of us, remembering the Lesser Zab, wanted to know where the River Beane was, and we were a good deal surprised when they told us we were standing on it, and there had not been any water in it since last August. In fact, it evidently was not the Beane—it was a Has Been.

We also had some nice fireworks and rattles and games of bear by day and night, the Sergeants kindly consenting to act as bears for this purpose. In the course of the game by night Pte. Wheeler's section performed the almost incredible feat of crossing a road without touching it with their feet, with the result that they got right on top of their bear before he saw or heard them. Under conditions of Real War they would, we think, certainly have got his scalp or even very likely one or two rashes off his brisket.

We cannot describe everything that happened, or how everyone distinguished themselves, but we must not forget to say how grateful we are to the two past and present members of the higher Management (to wit, Colonel Beach and Major Fox) who came down to cheer us on with the "war." We were also glad to see our old friend Sergt. Jones of B (S.) Company, who very sportingly came along with his bike and his hiking hat for the week-end and kindly explained the Darwin theory to us (you know all about men coming from monkeys). Thanks very much, Sergt. Jones; we understand now how it is that B Company always keep their tails up.

This, by the way, happened in the "Dog and Whiskers," that being the strategical locality where Company H.Q. had installed themselves right from the word go. This famous hostelry is owned by Mr. Bates (our C.S.M.'s uncle) to whom we are greatly indebted for allowing us to park ourselves in his backyard. We also have to thank many residents of Aston for various kindnesses—but above all, ex-R.S.M. Gibbs, of the Royal Engineers, whose help in an untold number of ways was quite invaluable.

Well, our Aston week-end seems to have crowded out most other events this quarter. We must, however, mention the Battalion Rifle Meeting and must in particular congratulate Pte. Mille: he won the Battalion Championship in the Young Soldiers' Competition, having top scores in both the Rapid and Snap. Several members of the Company also fired quite well in the High Sheriffs, and this we think can be put down to the practice they have been getting at Bisley. We have tried going down there once or twice as an experiment, and find not only that we like it better than Rainham but that we shoot better there. We hope to cultivate its acquaintance some more—some time.

STOP PRESS.

We congratulate L./Cpl. Hylton on his promotion to Corporal, and Ptes. Wheeler, Austin and Stenson on their promotion to Lance-Corporal.

They have all worked hard for this and earned it well.

B (S.) COMPANY.

We spent the Easter week-end training with our 2nd Battalion at Colchester, and we thank them for the hospitality shown which was, as always before, of the highest order. We were pleased also to have one of their best instructors showing us a few wrinkles, and I am sure everyone benefited by his expert instructing. If the increase in numbers on parades continue, the Drill Hall will have to be enlarged or the drills done in the park. The continued keenness shown, backed up by the instructors, who make the parade interesting, is very encouraging. We find even on unofficial parade nights, little groups eager to improve their knowledge sitting round a gun keeping our P.S.I. from his bed.

The rangetakers also are showing a marked improvement, after many hours' overtime, including two or three Sundays at the Depot, and we hope their efforts will bear fruit when the time comes for them to pass out.

We are pleased to see that Cpl. Woolsey took advantage of a course of instruction in Mechanism and has come back bursting with all the latest.

Our Company was well represented at the Battalion Rifle Meeting, at Rainham, and although we never excelled ourselves with the rifle we were content in the fact that some very good shooting was done in the M.G. "Perring Trophy" practice shoot, the best score being returned by L./Cpl. Barton, with Ptes. Way and Lewin close up for second and third. Sergt. Jones continues the good work with the Battalion Miniature Rifle Club, whose members are becoming very deadly shots; in fact C Company will meet their Waterloo at the next meeting, without the aid of darts. He has certainly obtained some very interesting fixtures, which include "Old Contemptibles," British Legion, and the "Cops." We wish him luck and hope a few more members of the Battalion will spare a few moments on Sunday mornings and so help to increase membership and the efficiency of their companies.

This Company, like others, are now looking forward to Camp at Brighton, and hope it turns out as successful as last year at Eastbourne and would like to remind you to bring your embrocation

and corn cure, as there is sure to be plenty of sport, including cricket and football, with, of course, a little walking thrown in.

C COMPANY.

Well, we promised in last quarter's JOURNAL to let you know just how we managed to win the Sherwood Shield. We did not!

We had to take a seat slightly farther back and be satisfied with second place to D Company, who put up an excellent show with their Lewis gunners and beat us. We congratulate them on winning.

Our Miniature Rifle Club have had two shoots against the British Legion (Harrow); the first one we lost by thirty points, and the second by one point. We have also had a return shoot with H.Qs., which they will no doubt write about, so I won't risk duplicating it, except to congratulate Mr. Duncan on winning a silver spoon for the top score of the evening.

Apart from these shoots we have not done a lot on the social side, except to have an excellent evening at Hendon with D Company, taking part in a triangular Shoot for the Hardcastle Cup, a report of which will, I expect, be in their notes.

We are now looking forward to the Brigade Shoot, at which we hope to do well—if the teams do as well in that as they did in the Battalion Rifle Meeting.

Next, of course, comes camp, at which we hope to have the majority of the Company present, and after camp we will all see what we did and how we did it, when we have our picture show, with our Company Commander directing the operations with the projector.

We have already had one show of the Battalion Rifle Meeting, and our Regimental Band leading the Harrow Carnival, and we all enjoyed it very much.

SEE.

D COMPANY.

There has been this quarter considerably more activity of an enlivening nature, including trips to Rainham for our annual musketry course and for practice, and for the Battalion Rifle Meeting.

We should like to congratulate Pte.

Heales on obtaining the highest score in the Young Soldiers' Competition, and Ptes. A. Burbidge and Westmacott on obtaining the highest scores in the Lewis Gun Competition at this meeting. We hope that they and the other members of the Company Teams will acquit themselves well on 8th July at the Brigade Rifle Meeting.

On Sunday, 13th May, we were pleased to be able to give the Old Contemptibles' Association the use of our Drill Hall after the ceremony of the presentation of the Colours of the Hendon Branch to the Borough of Hendon for safe custody, and we were glad to welcome as our guest at the Drill Hall the Mayor of Hendon. We gather that after tea there was a concert, and that a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Another event which took place this quarter was a triangular competition in billiards, darts and shooting (miniature range) between the Old Comrades of the Battalion, the Old Contemptibles, and D Company. The Old Comrades were the winners, with D Company and the Old Contemptibles a good second and third. It is hoped that it will be possible to present the cup to the Old Comrades at Camp. As the contest is to be a yearly one, we hope that we shall have so improved in the "vices" of billiards and darts as to be able to win the cup next year. The enjoyment of this occasion was considerably marred by the unfortunate accident which happened to Barnes of the Old Contemptibles, who, in helping to fix a dart board, scratched his eye with a piece of wire and had to be taken to hospital. We understand that he is now well on the way to recovery, and he has our best wishes for a speedy and complete one. We were glad to be able to lend our Drill Hall to the Old Contemptibles for a benefit dance for Barnes, which we hear was a great success both financially and socially.

We cannot let the loss of our C.S.M. take place without some comment. C.S.M. Badger served in the Battalion for thirteen years and would, we know, have served many years more had it not been for the fact that his job in life took him to Reading, where he is now living, and where we wish him long life and happiness. We welcome the late

C.Q.M.S. Devereaux as our C.S.M., and the late Sergt. Bell as our new C.Q.M.S.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

We have to begin these notes with a very bad start, as we have lost one of our most learned and chipped members in Sergt. Smith (Pioneer Sergeant). There are still members of the Mess who clearly call to mind the Gordon of twenty years ago, one of the first volunteers in the old Bull Inn Yard, Sittingbourne, in 1914, for Active Service overseas, and first again at Dinapore to respond to the call for men to fill the gaps in the 2nd Norfolks. With our first draft of fifty men he carried the Maroon and Canary Flash to Basra, through Shaiba and Amara to Ali-el-Gharbi and Sunnyat, through the Ess-Sin position to Kut itself in the ranks of the gallant Norfolks. Enough for us now to say that he was one of the lamentably few to escape incarceration in Kut with Townshend, and that last dread march to Anatolia.

From every member of our Mess we wish him long life and happiness. Few men have served their generation and their regiment more loyally than Gordon.

We held our concluding "Ladies' Night" on Friday, 20th June, about seventy members and friends being present. A surprise item was the appearance of Major Sherwood as film producer, operator and lecturer. We were entertained for twenty minutes with films of family life and scenes of our 9th Battalion boys with the Old Comrades on the ranges at Rainham. The picture much admired was the one showing a well-known Colonel of the Regiment dancing "Ring a Ring of Roses." One Old Comrade was heard to say: "Now what does that remind you of, Bill?" Just then the operator accidentally pressed button "B," causing the gallant Colonel to perform his evolutions backwards. "Blow me," says Bill, "do you remember that bally OONT at Palosal that got away with a couple of 160 lb. tents up? Now see what OONT transport does for you years later."

Thanks to the kind offices of Major Amor we have secured the services of an efficient cook and waiters for the Mess at Camp, through the Association.

Sergt. Punter will act as Caterer, and we look forward to a record attendance at our annual concert the first Tuesday down there.

Congratulations to Sergt. Cornish on receiving his T.E. Medal, and may we yet see every Sergeant in the Mess with that gong up. And now for Falmer.

THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX CADET ASSOCIATION NOTES.

ANNUAL CAMP, 1934.

COLONEL P. CARLEBACH, C.M.G., T.D., Colonel Commandant City of London Cadet Brigade, has again very kindly extended an invitation to the Non-School Units of the Middlesex Cadet Brigade to join the City of London Cadet Brigade Camp.

This offer has been gratefully accepted—and it is hoped that a contingent of at least 100 will attend from Middlesex.

The Camp will be at Fort Gomer, Gosport, from 4th to 12th August, 1934.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

We are again indebted to the Officer Commanding Depot Royal Fusiliers, Hounslow, and the Officer Commanding Depot The Middlesex Regiment, Mill Hill, for the Courses of Instruction for Cadet N.C.Os. during May and June.

The knowledge obtained at these Courses is of great assistance to training, and the help afforded the Cadets by all concerned is very much appreciated.

APPOINTMENT.

The under-mentioned appointment was confirmed at the last meeting of the Cadet Association:—

Mr. J. H. Fussell to be Second-Lieutenant (Harrow-Roxeth Company) to date, 1st April, 1934.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Major M. F. Cross, who was Second-in-Command of the 4th Cadet Battalion

Middlesex Regiment. A full record of his services to the Cadets is given in the 4th Cadet Battalion Notes.

4TH CADET BATTALION.

We regret to announce the death of Major M. F. Cross (Second-in-Command of the 4th Battalion), who passed away after a severe illness at the Royal Freemasons Hospital, Ravenscourt Court, W.6. Major Cross, besides being attached to the Cadets, was a member of the Brentford and Chiswick Town Council, for whom he did excellent work as a member of important town committees. His sad passing at the early age of 32 is deeply regretted by everyone who knew him, not only as an officer but as a friend.

A detachment of Officers and N.C.Os. represented the 4th Battalion at the Town Council Memorial Service, held on the following Wednesday, among those present being Col. G. R. Crossfield, C.B., D.S.O., T.D., Honorary Colonel, Lieut.-Col. H. Hugh White, M.C., Commanding, Capt. J. D. Hood, Adjutant, and Lieut. Fussell.

The Battalion Memorial Service was held on Sunday, 1st July, 1934, at St. Michael's and All Angels Church, Bedford Park, W.4. The Battalion was represented by a detachment of Officers and N.C.Os. The Commanding Officer laid a wreath on the Battalion War memorial in the church.

A few selected N.C.Os. attended Classes of Instruction at Hounslow Barracks. The classes are very much appreciated. N.C.Os.' Classes re-started a few weeks ago at the Drill Hall.

Appointment.—Capt. J. D. Hood as Adjutant.

Promotion.—Cadet G. Keel to be Lance-Corporal.

Arrangements are now being made for the Annual Camp at Fort Gomer. It is with pleasure we note that employers are quickly responding to the appeal for leave of absence to be granted to Cadets, thus enabling them to attend Camp.

Numbers of new recruits are being enrolled, which is most satisfactory.

REMINISCENCES OF MY THIRTY-NINE YEARS' ARMY LIFE.

BY SERGT.-MAJOR JAMES WHITE.

(Continued from p. 779, Vol. IV, No. 12, May, 1934.)

THE ENLISTMENT ACT OF 1867—INCREASE OF PAY.

There was a new Enlistment Act came into force that year. The 1847, or Ten Years' Act, had served its purpose: men were now to be enlisted for twelve years, and any man who had served two-thirds of his first period might re-engage for his second period, *i.e.*, to complete twenty-one years. All ranks received a rise of twopence a day, and any man who was re-engaged or who would re-engage became entitled to a penny additional. A large number of our ten-year men who had served six years and eight months re-engaged, I, with my eight years nine months, being among them. It looked a long period to start on, twelve years and three months, but I have never regretted it.

NOWSHERA.

In December, 1867, the 77th left Peshawar for Nowshera, the detachment from Fort Attock rejoining Headquarters at the same time, each party having two days' march. The station of Nowshera is on the right bank of the Kabul River, which twenty-three miles lower down enters the Indus. There are no native towns—just a rather large-sized regimental bazaar only. In those days no other troops were stationed there. Now, I hear, it is quite a large garrison. Nowshera had a bad reputation for heat apoplexy, but in 1868 no deaths from it took place, and very few from any other cause. In the hottest part of that year the hospital was for three weeks without a patient, and for most of the time without a man reporting himself sick.

In the early part of the year there was sent in from Hoti Murdam, a station

about fifteen miles away, a party of one havildar and sixteen sepoy of the Corps of Guides, to be put through a course of squad and company drill, and manual and firing exercises, with special attention to alterations contained in a recent new edition of "Infantry Drill." I was selected to take the party, being considered a good "drill," and with a sufficient knowledge of Hindustani for the purpose. I did my best and I think with success, for the C.O. of the Guides sent me a good money present, and nearly all the sepoy were promoted that year. What a variety they were! The havildar was from the Lucknow district; five Sikhs, two Afridis, two Gurkhas and some from other parts. A grand lot of young men. No wonder a commission in the Corps of Guides is thought much of.

STATIONED AT AGRA.

At the end of 1868 we were ordered to Agra. Thirty-four days' march brought us to Umballa. The line of railway had just been extended that far from Delhi. Then by train to Agra, a twenty-hour run. We knew something of Agra, and found it a pleasant station. There was a lot of amusement outside barracks for those who wished for it, a good training ground and a rifle range close to the barracks.

DRINK—A BLIGHTED CAREER.

We had a schoolmaster join us in 1864 from Roorkee College. He had originally belonged to the Regiment, and went away as Corporal to Roorkee. He was not treated well in the matter of his quarters, so he thought, and I think he was right. "A prophet is not without honour save in his own country." He could get no help from the C.O., and he applied for, and was sent to, another regiment. In January, 1865, another schoolmaster joined us, also from Roorkee, an ex-Corporal of the 35th Regiment. He carried out his duties, I believe, in a perfectly satisfactory manner for three years, when he met with and married a young woman who was the daughter of a Private of the 19th Regiment. I do not think that marriage proved a success. Soon afterwards he began to show signs of drink. He previously was very sober.

After a few months he was reported for untidiness in his personal appearance. He was ordered to report himself every morning to the Officer of the Day at the ration stand; thus his early rising was assured. In 1868 he was brought before the C.O. for being drunk and creating a disturbance in quarters after "Tattoo." He was reported to the Commander-in-Chief, who ordered that he should revert to his original rank, and serve as such in the 77th Regiment. I think it would have been just and merciful to have sent him to another regiment, to begin afresh. He was posted to my Company as Corporal, and all went well for a time.

In the hot season of 1869 I was sleeping outside my quarters, and, waking up, saw a figure in white outside in the veranda. I called out "Who is there?" and a woman's voice answered, "It's Mrs. Broome. Please come, Colour Sergeant; my husband has gone across to the rifle range. I believe he has gone to make away with himself." It was the wife of the ex-schoolmaster. I went to the other end of the bungalow and the woman pointed out the direction in which her husband had gone. I roused a dozen men, and explained that I wanted the ground searched. I then extended them and was about to move off when I heard a noise like the voice of the man we were looking for. I procured a light and entered the quarters, and there lay the Corporal, drunk on his bed. The woman had used that method of causing attention to be called to his condition. Truly marriage is a lottery. Nothing remained to be done but to bring him up for drunkenness. I never felt so inclined to condone an offence. He under whom I had sat to be worked up to passing the rank of Colour Sergeant; but it would not do. I could not risk my future. He was reduced to the ranks, and on our leaving India he volunteered to another regiment (the 58th), and when that regiment left for home he again volunteered. He called on me in 1879. He had been discharged on completion of twenty-one years' service on a pension of elevenpence per day. He had decided, although an Englishman, to settle in Dublin among his wife's people. I saw him some months later still seeking employment.

ESCAPE FROM ASSASSINATION.

In 1869 I had an escape from being either murdered or severely injured. I went into my Company's ablution room to have a wash before evening parade, when I saw a man standing up in a pukka work tank, from which men took water for washing their faces. He had evidently just finished having a bath, and was fouling the water otherwise . . . He was drunk. When brought up before the C.O. he was awarded 168 hours' imprisonment with hard labour. Some days after his release from the cells some men who had their bedcots outside the bungalow observed a man moving along the veranda after "Tattoo" towards my quarters, and, the moonlight being very bright, one man saw the glint of a bayonet. He at once got up and followed, and found the man standing in a corner close to the door of my room. He at once pinned the fellow, disarming him. The would-be assassin said, "Why did you follow me? I would have put the big-gutted sow's light out." Two other men came on the scene just in time to hear the words. He was made a prisoner, tried and sentenced to two years' hard labour, a large proportion of which the confirming officer remitted. It is very probable that, had the man not been noticed, I, returning a little later from the Sergeants' Mess, would have been fatally stabbed.

In the same year our Adjutant, Lieut. G. A. White, was struck a violent blow in the face, while inspecting the guard, by one of the men he was inspecting. I must say I think he was himself a deal to blame in the case. The man, Pte. William Beatty, was about to marry one of the young girls from the Orphanage School attached to the convent near the Roman Catholic church. The Adjutant, after passing Beatty, said to the Sergeant-Major, purposely loud enough to be heard by Beatty, "Is not that the man who is going to marry the charity girl?" On his coming round again in the course of the inspection, Beatty struck him. He was tried by General Court-Martial, and the fact of the sentence being one of only twelve months' imprisonment with hard labour shows, I think, that the Adjutant's language was considered as an extenuating circumstance.

(To be continued.)

CORRESPONDENCE.

TOWN HALL,
EALING, W.5.
17th May, 1934.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

My aunt, Mrs. Cox, being an invalid and unable to write you personally, on her behalf and my own, I send our warmest thanks for your sympathy in our bereavement.

Also, for the beautiful floral tribute that you sent.

Sincerely yours,
W. HUNTER.

19, NELLIE VIEW,
RICHMOND HILL,
LEEDS, 9.
22nd June, 1934.

To the Editor of "The Die-Hards."

DEAR SIR,

It has been announced in the Press this week that permission has been granted for all ranks of the Royal Berkshire Regiment to wear a red-cloth background behind their cap-badges in memory of the privilege of wearing red feathers which formerly belonged to their predecessors of the Light Company, 49th Foot, the privilege having originated during the American War of Independence. A similar custom, having the same origin, has been in vogue for many years in the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.

The custom in olden days was for the "Flank Companies" (i.e., the Grenadier and Light Companies) of different regiments to be detached from their own corps on active service, and formed into composite battalions. In September, 1777, one of these composite "Light Infantry" battalions, consisting of the Light Companies of six different regiments, was concerned in a night attack on an American camp at Brandywine Creek. The attack was a complete success from the British point of view. Those of the Americans who were not killed or captured fled for miles. This defeat made the Americans very vindictive and they announced that they would give no quarter to the British

who had taken part in the attack. Hearing of this, the Light Infantrymen dyed their feathers red and sent word to the Yankees that they had done this so that they might be easily recognizable when next the fortune of war should bring them face to face with the men they had beaten at Brandywine.

Of the six Light Companies concerned in this affair, I have been able to trace records of three having continued to wear the Red Feather as a distinction for some time after the close of the American War—these three regiments being the 46th Foot (now 2nd Bn. The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry), 49th Foot (now 1st Bn. The Royal Berkshire Regiment), and the 57th Foot (now, of course, 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment).

The 46th clung tenaciously to their privilege, never allowing it to lapse, but so far as the 49th and 57th are concerned the custom seems to have died out—more's the pity, I think, for it was a distinction to be proud of.

Apparently the Royal Berkshires, as rightful heirs of the old 49th, have now succeeded in obtaining official permission to revive this interesting link with bygone days. May I respectfully venture to suggest to the Regimental authorities of the Middlesex Regiment, as custodians of the traditions of the 57th, that consideration should be given to the advisability of putting forward a claim to the right of wearing red cloth behind the cap-badge, so as to bring the "Die-Hards" into line with their comrades who shared in the victory of Brandywine Creek. The Cornwalls had their privilege confirmed and its scope extended by an Army Council Instruction of 1932, and the Royal Berks have just been granted permission to revive the privilege in this year of grace 1934; therefore the present would appear to be an opportune moment to formulate a similar claim on behalf of the Middlesex Regiment.

A longer and more detailed account of the action at Brandywine Creek will be found in an article of mine entitled "A Regimental Custom Revived" which appears on pages 354-57 of "The Die-Hards," Vol. 4, No. 6, November, 1932.

Yours faithfully,

R. MAURICE HILL.

40, FIRST AVENUE,
HOVE.
27th July, 1934.

To the Editor of "The Die-Dards."

DEAR SIR,—

May I use the JOURNAL to express my thanks to all the Officers and Old Comrades who subscribed to the very handsome memorial which has been erected over my husband's grave?

I am very proud of this honour to his memory, and I know he would be too.

The memorial is now in position, and I would like all those who subscribed to know that the Regimental crest has been beautifully cut, and the whole work well executed.

Yours faithfully,
A. E. STEED.

NOTICE.

BALANCES OF DECEASED
SOLDIERS UNDISPOSED OF.

In pursuance of "The Regimental Debts Act, 1893," notice is hereby given that there is available for distribution amongst the next-of-kin or others entitled the sum of money set opposite to the name of the deceased soldier named in the lists which are published with this notice in the *London Gazette* and are also to be seen at the regimental depots throughout the United Kingdom.

Applications from persons supposing themselves entitled as next-of-kin should be addressed by letter to The Under-Secretary of State, War Office, Caxton House, London, S.W.1, and marked outside "Effects."

War Office,
29th June, 1934.

Parker, C., Pte., Middlesex Regiment—
£74 1s. 6d.

OBITUARY.

FRANCIS FREDERICK COX.

WE regret to announce the death, which occurred in St. Mary's Hospital on 9th May, 1934, of this Old Comrade. The funeral took place at the City of Westminster Cemetery, Hanwell, on 12th May, and was preceded by a service in St. John's Church, Ealing. Those present included the Mayor of Ealing and several Councillors and officials of that Borough, also Sqdn.-Ldr. J. S. Goggin, Capt. C. S. Burdon and Sergt. R. Smith, the last-named taking a wreath on behalf of the Regimental Association. The chief mourners were Mr. E. H. Cox (brother), Miss Hunter (adopted daughter), Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Osbourne and Mrs. Watson (sisters).

The late Francis Cox served for many years with the Coldstream Guards, and on the outbreak of the Great War he joined the Middlesex Regiment and rendered valuable service with the Reserve Battalions at Chatham. Soon after the war he became Town Hall keeper and mace-bearer at Ealing, a position he held until his death. He was a popular public official, and as mace-bearer added dignity to the municipal life of the borough.

We tender our sincere sympathy to all relatives.

ARTHUR SANDO.

This Old Comrade passed away in Redhill Hospital, Hendon, on 29th May, 1934, and was buried at Hendon Park Cemetery on 2nd June.

Cpl. Sando, who served with the 4th Battalion in the Great War, was discharged to pension in 1922 after twenty-one years' service. He was in possession of the 1914 Star, the British War Medal and Victory Medal, also the Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct. He was unmarried.

The funeral was attended by many friends and comrades, including representatives of the Hendon Branch of the Old Contemptibles Association. A Depot N.C.O. also attended with a wreath on behalf of the Regimental Association.

THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT (DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE'S OWN)

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1st and 2nd Battalions
(Regular).

Lt.-Colonels (2).

Browne, M., M.C. (s.c.) (2)
28/9/32

1 Brown, G. L., D.S.O. (1)
28/9/32

Majors (8).

Jefford, W. W. (1) 16/12/24

Sloane-Stanley, L. F. (1)
30/7/26

Tidbury O. H., M.C., p.s.c.
[I] s. 5/5/27
3/6/18

bt. Lt.-col. 1/7/33

Wollocombe, I. S., M.C. (2)
10/12/28
3/6/18

Lyon, N. H. B., M.C. 30/7/26
26/1/32

Newnham, L. A., M.C., p.s.c. s.
28/9/32

3/6/19

Thorp, J. R. [I] (2) 28/9/32

Seville, H. B. W., M.C. (1)
17/12/32

Captains (14).

Phillips, H., M.C. (1) 26/8/16

Bucknall, G., C., M.C., p.s.c.
m.c. 26/8/16

bt. maj. 3/6/19

Stewart, H. W., M., O.B.E.,
M.C. (s.c.) (1)
(War Office) 26/8/16

bt. maj. 1/1/32

Torricks, B. G., M.C.,
p.s.c. [I] s. 1/1/17

Haydon, C. W., M.C., c.o. 25/4/17

Lawrence, F. W., M.C. (1)
10/1/28

del Court, S. F. W. M., M.C. (1)
28/9/30

Procter, N. P., M.C. (2) d. 1/4/21

bt. maj. 1/1/34

Lynons, L. F., M.C. (1)
18/2/22

Mirams, S., M.C. (1) d. 9/5/27

Rackham, B. B., M.C. (1) 9/5/27

Weller, A. V. (1) 9/5/27

Pain, E. T. (2) 9/5/27

Kempster, G. W. (2) 20/4/28

Dobbs, J. E., M.C. (1) 28/9/28

Jones, W. H. V. (2) 10/12/28

Hedgecoe, S. F. (1) Adj. 10/12/28

Parker, F. G. (Spec. Adj.) 20/4/28

Overall, A. N. (1) 10/12/28

Joazez, J. H., p.d. 1/2/34

Wray, E. M., C., D.S.O., c. 1/2/34

Clayden, H. W. (2) 1/2/34

Clark, S. J. (2) Adj. 14/4/34

Walden, F. 14/4/34

(Subalterns 34).

Lieutenants.

Heywood, E. L. (2) 29/2/20

Ayscough, E. S. M. (1) 20/12/20

1st and 2nd Battalions—
contd.

Lieutenants—contd.

Reid, J. G. E., Lt. 18/7/31

Hudson, E. V. H., e.c. 17/12/21

Mussett, D. C. C. (1) 16/7/22

Cubitt, D. V. (1) 24/12/22

(d., Adj.) 10/7/32 14/7/23

Worton, J. B., Lt. 14/7/23

Gordon, I. D. S. (2) 14/7/23

Crawford, M. O. (2) (Garr.
Adj. & Or-Mr.) 23/12/23

Newton, W. C. (1), d. 30/8/26

Jacob, M. A., c. 30/8/26

Gilbert, N. G. O., c. 4/2/29

Baldwin, C. M., c.o. 4/2/29

Eise, F. H. (2) 30/8/29

Herapath, L. H. J. de la M.
1/6/30

Stephenson, J. W. A. (2) 2/2/31

Powell, P. D. fl. (1) 2/2/31

Macdonald, H. F. 30/8/31

Chatter, W. H. P. (1) 31/8/31

Batten, R. H., u. 31/1/32

Green, A. E. (2) 31/1/32

Ferguson, W. M. (2) d. 31/1/32

Sword, R. W. D. (1) 29/8/32

Man, A. M. (2) 30/1/33

Marsh, H. (2) 28/8/33

Hall, J. P. (1) 29/1/34

Weston, G. P. L. (2) 29/1/34

Gwyn, R. A. (1) 29/1/34

Bellers, R. C. H. (1) 29/1/34

2nd Lieutenants.

Bradnell, L. C. (1) 27/8/31

Whiting, F. B. (1) 1/9/32

Peal, A. W. F. (1) 1/9/32

Willoughby, J. E. F. (2) 2/2/33

Porter, G. O. (2) 2/2/33

Unwin, E. J. (2) 2/2/33

Fishbourne, P. A. (2) 2/2/33

Chatter, T. W. (2) 31/8/33

Beath, C. M. (2) 1/2/34

Anson, P. A. R. (2) 1/2/34

Adjutants (2).

Hedgecoe, S. F., Capt. (1) 24/7/34

Clark, S. J., Capt. (2) 3/8/32

Quarier-Masters (3).

English, J., d. 25/8/14

(Lt.-col. 25/8/32)

Clark, A. W., Lt. (2) 26/4/29

Guscott, R. T., Lt. (2) 22/1/30

5th Battalion (Militia).

6th Battalion (Militia).

Captains.

✕Josephs, L. H. O. 22/4/14

✕Pechell, H. C. 1/1/17

4th Battalion (Territorial).

"The Elms," Priory Road,
Horsney, N.8.

Hon. Colonel.

✕King, E. J., C.M.G., T.D.
(Col. Terr. Army) A.D.C.
t.a. 13/8/25

Lt.-Colonel.

✕Murray, H. A., T.D.
t.a. 22/6/32

Majors.

✕Bower, G. A. H., M.C.,
T.D. 1/4/30

✕Pringle, W. E., M.C. 22/6/32

Captains.

Brown, S. A. W. 27/3/30

Bartram, R. 1/12/32

Johnson, A. K. 1/2/33

Lowe, G. C. D. S. 20/7/33

Lieutenants.

Gilks, C. P. 12/2/32

Addis, I. B. 13/6/33

Westcott, J. G. 3/12/33

Spooner, J. R. 25/4/34

2nd Lieutenants.

Catt, R. G. 26/7/31

Clarke, A. C. 26/9/32

Jefferson, A. D. 28/1/33

Webster, R. T. 7/6/33

Adjutant.

✕Walden, F., Capt.
Middx. R. 1/9/32

Quarier-Master.

Denton, C. F., Lt. 17/4/31

Uniform—Scarlet.
Facings—Lemon Yellow.

Cadet Unit affiliated
1st C. Bn. Middlesex Regt.

8th Battalion (Territorial).

Drill Hall, Pound Lane,
Wilkesden, N.W.10.

Hon. Colonel.

✕Blumfeld, J. L., T.D.
(Col. late T.F. Res.), t.a. 10/1/22

Lt.-Colonel.

✕Lamont, J. N., M.C., T.D.,
t.a. 17/8/33

Majors.

✕Fox, G. L., t.a. 1/4/30

✕Sherwood, H., T.D. 17/8/33

Captains.

Hardcastle, H. K. 13/7/29

Hogg, F. G. 17/8/29

Wright, L. C. 2/8/33

Heffer, H. 17/8/33

9th Battalion (Territorial)—
contd.

Lieutenants.

✕Farnmer, W. H., Lt. 11/6/30

Majors.

✕Hirst, R. B., Lt. 25/2/31

✕Ellis, H. C., O.B.E. 9/2/32

Captains.

Maddox, S., M.B.E.

Hartley, G. 8/12/29

10/1/31

Mayer, R. W. 28/6/33

Lieutenants.

Cloutie, J. L. H. 28/12/32

Marks, T. L. 10/4/33

Miskin, E. F. H. 21/5/33

Sading, E. C. K. 4/6/33

King, M. C. D. 10/12/33

2nd Lieutenants

Davey, F. C. 28/6/30

Blair, N. M. 7/11/31

Turner, K. E. 3/2/32

Summers, C. W. 16/6/33

McFarlane, A. J. 28/6/33

Walford, S. H. L. 25/7/33

Day, E. A. 15/11/33

Hamilton, J. A. 5/5/34

Adjutant.

Reid, J. G. E., Lt. Midd.
R. (temp. Capt., T.A.,
1/12/33)

Quarter-Master.

Cox, S. A., Lt. 25/4/31

Uniform—Scarlet.
Facings—Lemon Yellow.

2nd Lieutenants.

Cadet Unit affiliated
2nd C. Bn. Middlesex Regt.

8th Battalion (Territorial).

Drill Hall, Pound Lane,
Wilkesden, N.W.10.

Hon. Colonel.

✕Blumfeld, J. L., T.D.
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Lt.-Colonel.

✕Lamont, J. N., M.C., T.D.,
t.a. 17/8/33

Majors.

✕Fox, G. L., t.a. 1/4/30

✕Sherwood, H., T.D. 17/8/33

Captains.

Hardcastle, H. K. 13/7/29

Hogg, F. G. 17/8/29

Wright, L. C. 2/8/33

Heffer, H. 17/8/33

9th Battalion (Territorial)—
contd.

Lieutenants.

Coubro, T. P. 23/6/27

Sutcliffe, B. L. 24/7/20

Townell, S. H. 1/12/30

28/6/32

✕Bedwell, L. J.

Gunston, C. A. 1/7/32

Exeter, G. W. M. 14/2/34

2nd Lieutenants.

Pearson, M. F. 2/3/32

Abbott, M. J. 4/3/33

Parlane, W. F. 13/7/33

Ayre, G. B. 7/2/34

Canning, J. G. H. 9/2/34

Adjutant.

Worton, J. B., Middle.
R. (temp. Capt., T.A.)
21/2/30

Quarter-Master.

✕Wright, W. S. (Lt. ret.
pay), (Res. of Off.) 20/5/29
Capt. 20/2/32

Uniform—Scarlet.
Facings—Lemon Yellow.]

Cadet Unit affiliated
3rd C. Bn. Middlesex Regt

Supplementary Reserve.

Category B.

Subalterns (9)

Lieutenants:

Jupp, C. F. 21/10/30

Morley, F. E. 24/10/31

Wilcox, G. L. M. R. 5/12/31

Cowley, L. D. 9/12/32

2nd Lieutenants.

Willoughby, R. W. H.,
c.o. 13/6/31

Clifton, P. A. 22/8/31

Biggs, K. R. McK. 28/10/31

King, J. H. W.
(aid. O.T.C.) 30/12/33

Borgars, D. J. 17/1/34

Territorial Battalions
affiliated to the
Regiment.

7th City of London Regt
(Post Office Rifles).

24, Sun Street, Finsbury
Square, E.C.2.

Adjutant.

Wray, E. S. G., D.S.O.,
Capt., Middx. R. 14/4/34

19th London Regt.
(St. Pancras).

76, High Street, Camden
Town, N.W.4.

Adjutant.

Donnellan, J. N., Capt.,
Innis. Fus. 31/10/33

SENIORITY ROLL OF WARRANT OFFICERS AND N.C.Os. AUGUST, 1934.

1st BATTALION.

Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion or appointment.	Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion or appointment.
*R.S.M. P. Newman ...	13/8/31	L./Sgt. S. Bullock ...	10/4/34
*Bdmr. A. Judge ...	12/4/31	Cpl. L. Sheffield ...	(Cpl. 23/1/31)
*R.Q.M.S. E. Grouch ...	28/4/29	Cpl. J. O'Neill ...	24/7/31
*Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) A. Finch ...	13/6/28	Cpl. A. Stone ...	13/8/31
*C.S.M. C. Goodall ...	28/4/29	Cpl. S. Phelan ...	2/9/31
*C.S.M. A. Russell ...	1/4/31	Cpl. S. Nicholls ...	15/9/31
*C.S.M. E. Burt ...	13/8/31	Cpl. F. Connott ...	18/9/31
*C.S.M. B. Brockman ...	10/12/31	Cpl. C. Bolton ...	30/9/31
*C.S.M. E. Fleming ...	10/12/31	Cpl. J. Thirkettle ...	10/12/31
C./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) S. Steadman ...	23/7/23	Cpl. C. Pantling ...	10/12/31
C./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) W. Raindle ...	10/12/31	Cpl. G. Bayford ...	19/1/32
C./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) E. Robbins ...	10/12/31	Cpl. A. Cladd ...	21/1/32
C./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) C. Misso ...	19/1/32	Cpl. J. Donegar ...	28/1/32
C./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.) H. Thomas ...	22/6/33	Cpl. T. Castle ...	4/2/32
Sgt. W. Christie (Transport Sergeant) ...	1/5/20	Cpl. R. Blackman ...	23/6/32
*Sgt. V. Osterholm (Pioneer Sergeant) ...	18/10/23	Cpl. E. Wadsworth ...	26/7/32
Sgt. E. Hazledene ...	5/4/26	Cpl. E. Whicello ...	15/11/32
*Sgt. R. Challis (Signal Sergeant) ...	30/10/27	Cpl. A. Smith ...	22/2/33
Sgt. T. Tiller ...	29/5/28	Cpl. G. Endersby ...	10/3/33
*Sgt. C. Champion ...	1/1/29	Cpl. C. Clark ...	2/6/33
*Sgt. A. Stenning (Band Sergeant) ...	23/2/29	Cpl. G. Jeffree ...	20/6/33
Sgt. J. West ...	15/1/30	Cpl. L. Roseblade ...	19/10/33
*Sgt. W. Northcott, M.M. ...	25/2/30	Cpl. F. Britton ...	11/12/33
*Sgt. C. Soper ...	17/12/30	Cpl. F. Hopwood ...	25/12/33
*Sgt. G. Blake (Cook Sergeant) ...	10/1/31	Cpl. G. Wordley ...	20/4/34
*Sgt. L. Honeybun ...	13/8/31	Cpl. J. Painter ...	8/5/34
*Sgt. L. Priddy ...	18/9/31	Cpl. A. Brown ...	8/5/34
Sgt. S. Thompson ...	30/9/31	L./Cpl. E. Rochester ...	26/8/27
Sgt. R. Bayles (S.I.M.) ...	10/12/31	L./Cpl. A. Allison ...	14/9/28
*Sgt. L. West ...	10/12/31	L./Cpl. W. Belcher ...	30/6/30
*Drum-Major D. Drew ...	22/1/32	L./Cpl. P. Ward ...	20/10/30
Sgt. F. Donovan ...	4/2/32	L./Cpl. F. Gardiner ...	29/11/30
*Sgt. E. Paterson ...	18/2/32	L./Cpl. L. Jerman ...	11/12/30
*Sgt. H. Kruck ...	24/8/32	L./Cpl. A. Moore ...	3/1/31
Sgt. H. Hull, M.M. ...	22/2/33	L./Cpl. W. Watts ...	18/2/31
Sgt. A. Mason ...	22/6/33	L./Cpl. M. Duddy ...	22/3/31
*Sgt. (O.R.C.) P. Hale ...	19/10/33	L./Cpl. C. Jacob ...	23/3/31
Sgt. J. Little ...	19/10/33	L./Cpl. F. Thorn ...	11/6/31
L./Sgt. R. Glover ...	1/8/28	L./Cpl. L. Mallard ...	16/6/31
	(Cpl. 11/2/27)	L./Cpl. H. Game ...	14/7/31
L./Sgt. F. Chasney ...	10/12/31	L./Cpl. W. Gadsden ...	29/8/31
	(Cpl. 22/6/28)	L./Cpl. F. Dell ...	2/9/31
L./Sgt. L. Williams ...	3/10/32	L./Cpl. A. Willis ...	15/9/31
	(Cpl. 8/8/28)	L./Cpl. G. Sach ...	30/9/31
Cpl. A. Lawrence ...	26/9/28	L./Cpl. W. Lambert ...	2/1/32
Cpl. R. Dyson ...	20/2/29	*L./Cpl. L. McDowell ...	2/1/32
L./Sgt. P. Edwards ...	10/12/31	L./Cpl. J. Howie ...	2/1/32
	(Cpl. 23/2/29)	L./Cpl. A. Cokeley ...	2/1/32
*L./Sgt. R. Chaplin ...	19/1/32	L./Cpl. J. Groves ...	28/1/32
	(Cpl. 17/6/29)	L./Cpl. W. Sampford ...	4/2/32
L./Sgt. J. Chillery ...	22/2/33	L./Cpl. E. Staley ...	26/7/32
	(Cpl. 20/3/30)	L./Cpl. F. Mills ...	30/9/32
Cpl. F. Payne ...	11/4/30	L./Cpl. J. Robinson ...	1/11/32
L./Sgt. J. Smith ...	24/7/33	L./Cpl. C. Adams ...	2/11/32
	(Cpl. 28/4/30)	L./Cpl. H. Burrows ...	5/1/33
Cpl. C. Ives ...	16/8/30	L./Cpl. A. Smith ...	2/6/33
Cpl. H. Padgett ...	1/1/31	L./Cpl. C. Payne ...	10/6/33
*L./Sgt. W. Snell ...	19/10/33	L./Cpl. V. Thomas ...	20/6/33
	(Cpl. 10/1/31)	L./Cpl. H. Naylor ...	22/6/33
*Cpl. C. May ...	16/1/31	*L./Cpl. F. Stock ...	13/7/33

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Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion or appointment.	Rank and Name.	Date of present promotion or appointment.
L./Cpl. C. Hawkesworth ...	3/8/33	L./Cpl. R. Moth ...	27/4/33
L./Cpl. H. Ornes ...	17/8/33	L./Cpl. F. Shaw ...	27/4/33
L./Cpl. T. Bayly ...	3/9/33	L./Cpl. P. Crowley ...	27/4/33
L./Cpl. G. Parker ...	19/10/33	L./Cpl. V. Whipps ...	19/5/33
*L./Cpl. W. O'Connor ...	28/11/33	L./Cpl. S. Clark ...	19/5/33
L./Cpl. J. McLeod ...	11/12/33	L./Cpl. A. Smith ...	2/6/33
L./Cpl. H. Hughes ...	25/12/33	*L./Cpl. K. Simpson ...	10/6/33
L./Cpl. F. Markham ...	17/3/34	L./Cpl. S. Hoskins ...	12/6/33
L./Cpl. C. Keefe ...	10/4/34	L./Cpl. W. Tatt ...	17/9/33
L./Cpl. H. Holloway ...	10/4/34	L./Cpl. F. Hammond ...	29/6/33
L./Cpl. W. Harewell ...	20/4/34	L./Cpl. P. Coleman ...	3/7/33
L./Cpl. J. McGrady ...	24/4/34	L./Cpl. E. Webber ...	22/7/33
L./Cpl. J. Sheen ...	8/5/34	L./Cpl. R. Butt ...	22/7/33
L./Cpl. S. Dyer ...	8/5/34	L./Cpl. W. Hayward ...	3/8/33
L./Cpl. W. Ransom ...	8/5/34	L./Cpl. F. Penman ...	2/9/33
Unpaid —		L./Cpl. J. Emery ...	2/9/33
L./Cpl. F. Carter ...	6/2/33	L./Cpl. H. Dillon ...	13/10/33
L./Cpl. R. Dehnell ...	21/4/33	L./Cpl. H. Simmons ...	28/10/33
L./Cpl. E. Rogers ...	27/4/33	L./Cpl. J. Gill ...	4/11/33
L./Cpl. W. Sargent ...	27/4/33	L./Cpl. H. Price ...	18/12/33
L./Cpl. H. Jolley ...	27/4/33	L./Cpl. G. Soper ...	16/1/34
L./Cpl. F. Broughton ...	27/4/33	L./Cpl. F. Crawshaw ...	22/3/34
		L./Cpl. T. Smith ...	17/4/34

2nd BATTALION (Home Establishment).

NOTICE.

Warrant Officers and N.C.Os. are, in their own interests, requested to write direct to the Adjutant, 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.), Colchester, Essex, should they observe any omissions or errors in the Seniority Roll of the Home Establishment.

Rank and Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion or appointment.	Rank and Name.	Battalion.	Date of present promotion or appointment.
*R.S.M. C. Davis ...	Depot	13/4/29	Sgt. H. Tisdale ...	7th London	22/1/22
*R.S.M. W. Ward, M.M. ...	2nd	18/3/31	*Sgt. R. Colbourne ...	2nd	6/10/23
*Bdmr. C. Dennis, A.R.C.M. ...	2nd	25/3/33	Sgt. J. Beaveridge ...	2nd	28/1/25
*R.Q.M.S. W. Pilley ...	Depot	7/3/26	Sgt. H. Rogers ...	Depot	26/5/25
*R.Q.M.S. W. Fletcher ...	2nd	31/1/30	*Sgt. S. Mason ...	2nd	2/2/26
*Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) B. Baldwin ...	Depot	2/7/30	Sgt. W. Harwood ...	2nd	17/8/26
*C.S.M. G. Goodall ...	9th	4/6/25	Sgt. S. Bishop ...	2nd	24/11/27
*C.S.M. J. Hart ...	2nd	20/1/26	Sgt. H. Sneath ...	2nd	15/12/27
*C.S.M. C. Cook, D.C.M. ...	8th	1/8/26	Sgt. A. Webb ...	19th London	15/5/28
*C.S.M. F. Peck ...	2nd	18/2/29	Drum-Major H. Poulter ...	2nd	13/10/28
*C.S.M. P. Stevenson ...	7th	4/1/30	*Sgt. H. Short ...	2nd	21/2/29
*C.S.M. A. Anderson ...	Depot	20/10/30	Sgt. A. Jones ...	2nd	8/4/29
*C.S.M. H. Hewett ...	8th	19/4/32	Sgt. A. Boen ...	2nd	13/4/29
*C.S.M. L. Simmonds ...	9th	3/9/32	*Sgt. C. Donaldson ...	2nd	24/5/29
*C.S.M. L. Clarke ...	19th London	15/11/32	Sgt. R. King ...	Suppny., Fire Bde., Bordon	5/7/29
*C.S.M. R. Mewett ...	2nd	23/3/33			
*C.S.M. A. Wright ...	2nd	24/2/34	*Sgt. G. Sherriff ...	2nd	9/12/29
*C.S.M. A. Jones ...	2nd	10/5/34	*Sgt. F. Nash ...	8th	11/12/29
Col./Sgt. G. King ...	Depot	26/5/25	*Sgt. A. Russell ...	2nd	16/2/30
	(Sgt. 2/8/19)		*Sgt. W. Tibble ...	7th	17/10/30
Col./Sgt. L. Hills ...	2nd	2/11/26	*Sgt. W. Green ...	Depot	27/12/30
	(Sgt. 5/4/19)		*Sgt. C. Kennett ...	2nd	16/1/31
Col./Sgt. W. West ...	2nd	22/2/28	Sgt. J. Quick ...	2nd	19/1/32
	(Sgt. 12/3/19)		*Sgt. W. Kemp ...	2nd	1/4/32
*Col./Sgt. F. Stacey ...	2nd	3/9/32	*Sgt. R. Parsler ...	2nd	19/4/32
	(Sgt. 2/2/28)		Sgt. J. Harper ...	2nd	14/6/32
*Col./Sgt. E. Jones ...	2nd	15/11/32	Sgt. (O.R.S.) F. Deane ...	2nd	23/6/32
	(Sgt. 1/3/25)		*Sgt. C. Trestain ...	2nd	30/7/32
*Col./Sgt. F. Franklin ...	2nd	8/9/33	Sgt. R. Ramsey ...	7th	2/9/32
	(Sgt. 20/3/28)		Sgt. S. Smith ...	2nd	
Sgt. H. Glover ...	2nd	1/5/20	Sgt. R. Smith ...	Depot	

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*Sgt. L. Johnson ...	2nd	15/11/32	Cpl. E. Fuller ...	2nd	8/9/33
Sgt. W. Bean ...	2nd	23/3/33	Cpl. R. Harman ...	Depot	25/10/33
Sgt. F. Housden ...	Depot	3/5/33	Cpl. B. Armstrong ...	2nd	3/1/34
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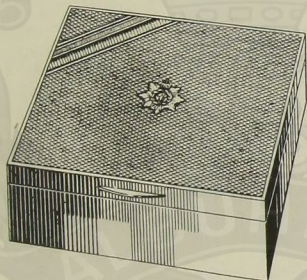
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